

human-wildlife conflict research

your mission

This month, you'll be introduced to the idea of "human-wildlife conflict". As we've seen in our previous Junior Ranger activities, humans and wildlife often SHARE habitats (Remember the wildlife tracks you saw in your local park? Or the signs of wildlife activity you found while playing 'wildlife bingo'?)

Since all animals require the same basic needs (food, water, shelter and space), it's not surprising that we sometimes find these things in the same place. For example, most towns have lots of green space, water and food - things that many animals find attractive, including us! Sometimes, humans are happy to share their backyards with certain animals (songbirds), but not others (black bears).



Did You Know?

Human Wildlife conflict occurs when wildlife has a negative impact on people, like when a bear damages your backyard apple tree, or when people have a negative impact on wildlife, like when a deer is hit by a car in town.

Your mission is to find answers to the questions on this month's worksheet by researching a WildSafeBC brochure and the WildSafeBC website.

You can choose one of the following species to research: Black bear, Coyote, Cougar, Deer, or Raccoon. You will learn all about the reasons your animal sometimes comes into conflict with people and what we can do to prevent it!

what you will need

- **Computer access** - check with your parents first!
- **One WildSafeBC brochure**

(If you have a paper copy from a WildSafeBC presentation or display last summer, great! If not, you can find these brochures on the website. Ask a parent to help you download and print a copy of your favourite here: <https://wildsafebc.com/resources/>)

- **A printed copy of this Activity Guide**

optional

- **Reference books** (ie: Field Guide to Mammals)

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Junior Ranger Name: _____

Home Town: _____ Date: _____

1. What species did you choose? _____

2. Check the term that describes your animal's diet:

carnivore (meat eater) **herbivore** (plant eater) or **omnivore** (both)

3. Give some examples of your animal's preferred natural foods:



4. Do you think your animal could find any of these foods in your community? Explain.

5. Can you think of any unnatural foods this animal might find in town or backyards?



6. List the sort of conflicts your animal can get into in town.
(Hint: find the 'Human-_____ Conflict' section in your brochure)

7. List 5 ways we can prevent conflict with your species.
(Hint: find the 'Manage your Attractants' section in your brochure)



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