

# THIS IS MOUNTAIN LION COUNTRY



**Mountain lions are part of the natural habitat of the Arroyo Seco, HOWEVER, they are wild predators and deserve your respect. BE AWARE AND CAUTIOUS. They have been known to attack without warning. You are advised to stay alert for potential danger. Do not hike alone.**

## **Appearance:**

*Mountain lions are the largest of the predatory animals in Southern California. These reddish brown felines are the size of a large dog. Their ears are erect and slightly rounded. The most distinguishing feature of a mountain lion is their long tail.*

## **Behavior:**

*Mountain Lions are primarily nocturnal but may hunt by day. They dine on deer and other wild animals including coyotes, raccoons and birds. Although rarely seen, mountain lions are feared for their carnivorous tendencies even though they prefer to stay away from humans.*

## **IF YOU DO ENCOUNTER A MOUNTAIN LION:**

- ◆ **NEVER TURN YOUR BACK AND RUN FROM THE ANIMAL OR MAKE SUDDEN MOVES!**
- ◆ **Do NOT take your eyes off the lion's eyes. Do not approach the lion.**
- ◆ **Do not crouch down, don't look like prey.**
- ◆ **Stand tall and make yourself look as big as possible; put your hands over your head; open your jacket wide**
- ◆ **Pick children up so you appear to be one large person; place small children on your shoulders if you can.**
- ◆ **Hold your ground, make a lot of noise, shout!**
- ◆ **If the lion behaves aggressively, throw stones**

**REMINDER: MINORS (Under 18 years of age) SHOULD BE UNDER ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES**

**Please report any mountain lion sighting, including location and time of day, to a park worker as soon as possible or call City of Pasadena, Department of Public Works, Parks & Natural Resources Division, at (626) 744-4321.**

