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YOU ARE IN PRAIRIE RATTLESNAKE COUNTRY

Prairie rattlesnakes may be found in this area. Prairie rattlesnakes are considered a non-aggressive species of rattlesnake. They will not attack, but if disturbed or threatened, they may defend themselves from people and pets.

Avoid negative interactions with rattlesnakes:

- Stay on the trail.
- Leash and supervise pets at all times.
- Be aware that rattlesnakes may use the trail or other open areas to bask (warm themselves using heat from the sun) on cool days or early mornings.
- Be aware that rattlesnakes may shelter in or adjacent to grass, shrubs or prairie dog holes.

If you see a rattlesnake:

- give it **DISTANCE** (three to four feet, if possible); walk around the snake or away from the snake immediately.
- do not disturb it; **RESPECT** the fact that you are more likely to be injured if you attempt to move or handle the snake.

- Rattle (not all rattlesnakes have rattles. Baby rattlers have a "button", which does not rattle; adults may lose their rattle to a predator or in an accident).
- Black band at rattle base



- Diamond-shaped head
- Thin neck compared to head
- Light striping near eyes and nostrils

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