

Things That STING, PRICKLE OR BITE



Mountain lion
Credit: Dennis Donohue

Be Cautious, Be Aware



Great Basin Rattlesnake
Credit: Shaan Hurley



Elk
Credit: USFS

Start your trip with a quick identification quiz. It is important to be aware of the following plants, animals, and insects in this area—while none of these will pursue you, it is good to know what to avoid.



Coyote
Credit: David McNicholas



Prickly pear thorns
Credit: Sean Igo



Black Widow spider
Credit: Michael Maniezzo

Please Consider These Guidelines While Enjoying Your Time in Red Canyon

- Please do not attempt to feed or pet animals. Wildlife may appear to be tame, but may attack if feeling threatened. Always maintain a safe viewing distance.
- Make your presence known to avoid accidental encounters. Some travelers call out or wear bells to broadcast their presence to animals.
- Keep a clean camp and hang food in the backcountry to avoid attracting bears.
- Watch for snakes on rocks and listen for the high-pitched rattle of a rattlesnake.
- Use common sense to avoid insects that may sting such as black widow spiders, ticks, wasps, and bees.
- Sleeves and long pants will help to protect skin from prickly plants and potential skin irritations.
- Try not to disturb plants and soil. Please tread lightly and stay on the trail whenever possible.



Spikey thistle
Credit: Raquel Lopez



Black bear
Credit: Mark L. Watson



Horned toad with its young
Credit: USFS