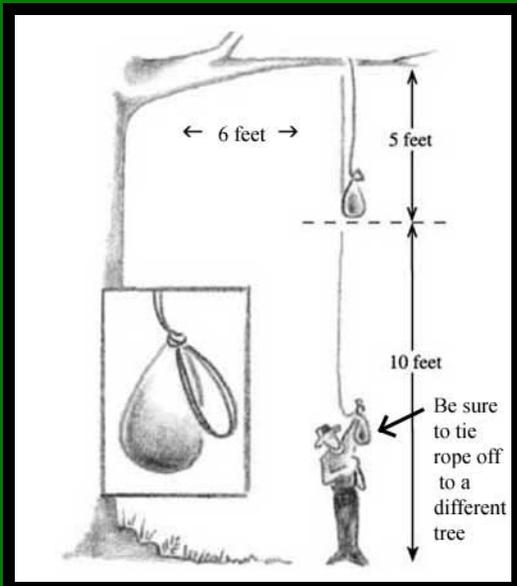


Respect Wildlife



Wilderness areas are one of the last refuges for Wildlife. We hikers need to promote their survival rather than add to the difficulties they already face! Consider these strategies when hiking in the Alps.

- **Observe From A Distance.** Always watch and photograph animals from a safe distance to avoid startling them or forcing them to flee. The use of binoculars can go a long way toward keeping you a respectable (non-startling) distance for wildlife viewing.
- **Avoid Sensitive Times And Habitats.** In general, animals are sensitive to recreationists while pursuing and defending mates and territories, birthing, guarding young or nests, and when food is scarce. The more you understand about a species the more considerate you can be of the animal's needs and temperament.
- **Never Feed Animals.** Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, exposes them to predators and other dangers.
- **Store Food and Trash Securely.** "Food" includes garbage, canned food, stock feed, pet food, fuel and scented or flavored toiletries. The salt in hiking boots, backpacks or clothing also attracts deer and many small mammals. Here in the Trinities we do not require bear canisters however we do ask all wilderness users to hang their food. The above diagram, when executed properly, demonstrates a sufficient method to secure food from opportunistic scavengers.
- **Control Your Pet.** Typically wildlife and pets are not a good mix. There are no leash laws in the Alps, but visitors are expected to keep their pets under control at all times. Please carry a leash.