



Sharing the Road with Maine's Wildlife



1,000+
CRASHES
per year

Be aware that wildlife collisions can occur at anytime, under any circumstance, and anywhere in Maine.

DUSK  **DAWN**

USE CAUTION


Moose and deer are most active from dusk to dawn and can appear suddenly out of nowhere.

Collisions peak in
NOVEMBER




November is deer collision month. Collisions with deer increase in the autumn and peak in November during breeding season. Deer are commonly seen near fields and orchards. Watch for their reflective eyes.

The **HERD**



Moose and deer often travel in small groups. If you see an animal near the roadside, slow down or stop to ensure more are not preparing to cross. Be alert in rural and forested areas.

Collisions increase in
MAY & JUNE



Collisions with moose increase dramatically during May and June. Use extreme caution during mating season from September through October. Moose are often found near wetlands. Watch for the silhouette of a moose.

The **STANDOFF**



Moose can be unpredictable and may attack your vehicle. Slow down and do not try to drive around the moose. Stay in your vehicle and let them wander back off the road.

GOOD VISIBILITY



Adjust travel speed to current conditions when visibility is reduced.

The **UNAVOIDABLE CRASH**



Apply brakes and steer straight. Let up on brakes just before impact to allow the front of your vehicle to rise slightly. Aim to hit the tail end of the animal.



SCAN ROADSIDES

Warning signs indicate a high concentration of wildlife where collisions are common. Reduce your speed and scan the roadsides.

MOOSE ARE HARD TO SEE AT NIGHT



Motorists can't react in time if they are traveling more than 55 mph.

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