



Wildlife

If you are driving on the Interstate 80 stretch that overlooks Summit Park at the top of Parley's Summit, you may notice an overpass that seems distinctly out of place. It's not a road for vehicle use, but rather, it's the first wildlife crossing overpass built in Utah that was constructed back in 2019. Summit Park and the surrounding lands are chock-full of wildlife, and it's one of many reasons why the state decided to build its first wildlife crossing overpass at Parleys Summit and not somewhere else. However, as much as we love seeing wildlife, we also all need to respect them, as it's their home too.



Summit Park is home to all types of wild critters, including mule deer, elk, bears, bobcats, mountain lions, coyotes, foxes, beavers, porcupines, skunks, and an assortment of other wild animals, both large and small. Moose? Yup, and plenty of them. It's no coincidence that the entrance sign to Summit Park, as well as the Association's logo, depicts a moose.



Stating what should be the obvious – but it never hurts to repeat it – please leave the wildlife alone. Enjoy seeing and watching them, but don't feed them, try to get too close to them, and certainly keep a lookout for them when driving on our roads or accessing the backcountry. Wildlife can be unpredictable (especially moose!), and keeping you and your pets away from them will go far in ensuring your own safety and the safety of your pets.