



### Please take extra caution:

- In May and June when bison cows are very protective of their newborn calves
- During the July and August breeding season when males can be more aggressive
- When cycling; cyclists can quickly and quietly invade a bison's personal space
- When hiking with pets; dogs must be under control at all times as they may provoke a bison attack

### If bison display any of the following:

- Shaking the head
- Pawing
- Short charges or running toward you
- Loud snorting
- Raising the tail

**...you are too close - RETREAT!**

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# YOU ARE IN BISON COUNTRY



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### Plains Bison at Grasslands National Park

In December 2005, after a 120-year absence, plains bison were re-introduced back to the park. They came from Elk Island National Park's well-established herd and are a vital part of the Grasslands ecosystem.

**Bison are wild animals and should be respected.** These safety tips will help you enjoy your time at Grasslands National Park.

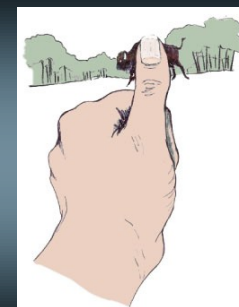
### In Your Car

If you encounter bison along the Ecotour Road:

- Drive slowly towards them and they will move out of your way.
- Do not honk, become impatient or drive aggressively at them.
- Attacks on vehicles are rare but can happen.
- Do not leave your vehicle. This will ensure a safe encounter, and the bison may remain in the area for the next visitor to see.

### On Foot or Horseback

- Always be aware of your surroundings, so you see the bison before they see you.
- When approaching coulee rims or blind corners, always proceed slowly in case a bison is just out-of-sight.
- Startled bison will often run away, then stop and stare back at you. Detour around any bison you encounter.
- Do not approach closer than 100 metres, and never try to chase or scare bison away.



### Rule of Thumb

Hold your fist straight out in front of you. Cover the bison (who is standing sideways) with your thumb. If the bison is totally covered, you are about 100m away, a safe distance. If not, back off promptly.



### YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY

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Grasslands Information Centre 306-298-2257

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