



Alligator's

We **CAN** co-exist if we follow some basic rules and accept their natural behaviors such as:

- Don't feed the alligators!!! It is both dangerous and illegal. And, when fed by humans, alligators overcome their natural dislike and wariness of humans and learn to associate people with food. I'm sure you see where this is going..... People = Food is bad.
- Dogs and cats are similar in size to the natural prey of alligators. Don't allow your pets to swim in water that may contain alligators (and you should assume all freshwater bodies have alligators!).
- Alligators are most active between dusk and dawn. If you like to walk in the evenings after dusk, bring a flashlight and watch where you are walking.
- Leave alligators alone! State law prohibits killing, harassing or possessing alligators. They are not pets.

What is a nuisance alligator?

Generally, an alligator may be considered a nuisance if it is at least four feet in length and is believed to pose a threat (responds aggressively to an individual or is no longer afraid of human interaction) to people, pets or property.

If you encounter a nuisance alligator on your property call SNAP **866-FWC-GATOR (866-392-4286)**. When someone concerned about an alligator calls the Nuisance Alligator Hotline, they will dispatch one of their contracted nuisance alligator trappers to resolve the situation.

Complainants ***must*** be able to grant legal access to the property on which the alligator is located. SNAP does not permit the removal of nuisance alligators from **private** or **publicly managed property** without ***first*** obtaining permission from the property owner or management authority.

- NOTE -

The Fern Meadows Board of Directors will have given verbal confirmation for a trapper to legally be on HOA property. If you see a trapper, do not approach or confront them. Call a board member to verify that they are permitted on the premises. If the HOA has not given the trapper permission, call the Cocoa Police Department to assist in having them leave.

To contact a member of the Fern Meadows Board of Directors for alligator issues and for the trapper to be granted proper access to HOA property, please email or call:

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