

Bobcats looking for grey squirrels at Deer Lake

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A Christmas day bobcat sighting at Deer Lake doesn't faze Lani Sheldon.

As the team leader of wildlife care for the Wildlife Rescue Association, Sheldon wasn't surprised that a bobcat was seen at the park last month.

"This definitely happens around this time of year," said Sheldon. "Bobcats take advantage of the grey squirrel population and we do get sightings of bobcats at Deer Lake. ... We believe they come down from Burnaby Mountain."

Sheldon said bobcats won't usually attack humans but people should still be careful when they encounter one.

"Keep your distance and make yourself as big as possible," she said. "You can also try shouting at it because they're pretty skittish and will run away."

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