



## Coexisting with Coyotes

Coyotes are common in our area. With a few simple actions, you can help reduce conflicts with people and pets.

### To avoid conflicts with coyotes:

**Stay on authorized trails.**

Coyotes use other natural paths to avoid us.

**Keep your dog on a leash.**

Coyotes view unrestrained dogs as threats.

**Do not feed coyotes.**

Feeding makes coyotes lose fear of people.



Healthy coyotes are wary of people and normally try to avoid us. During certain times of year, instead of running away, coyotes may stand their ground and act defensively because a pregnant mate or pups are nearby. They may bark or “escort” people and dogs out of their territories by following them until they leave.

**If you encounter a coyote that seems to be defending an area, consider there may be pups nearby, and alter your route.** If a coyote follows you or barks at you, stay calm, control your pet, and keep it close; slowly leave the area the way you came. Do not turn your back, and do not run. These actions may invite the coyote to chase you. If it continues to approach, try to scare it away by yelling, waving your arms, and/or throwing something at it.

Enjoy watching coyotes from a distance. Respect their spaces, and make them respect yours.



Get outside and fish at your Medina County parks this spring. This self-guided program is the perfect way to spend time with family and friends and can be completed at your convenience. Participants who fish at five or more designated fishing areas between March 20 and June 19 and turn in their completed forms to the Oenslager Nature Center between June 20 and July 6, 2025 will receive an award (while supplies last). This program is open to all ages; one award per person. Download the form at [www.medinacountyparks.com](http://www.medinacountyparks.com) or visit nature centers or park district headquarters for a hard copy.

## Work in the great outdoors . . .



- Seasonal Naturalist
- Seasonal Park Laborers
- Seasonal Landscape Planner
- Seasonal Steward: Natural Resources

Detailed job descriptions can be found at [www.MedinaCountyParks.com](http://www.MedinaCountyParks.com). Click on the “About” tab, then on “Employment Opportunities.”



Celebrate Medina County Park District’s 60th Anniversary by taking part in the Park Perks Challenge! This is a self-guided adventure where you will need to successfully complete challenges to collect perk points to earn park prizes! Challenge yourself across three categories: *Research It*, *Seek and Find*, and *See You There*, all designed to help you explore and learn about Medina County parks.

Prizes will be awarded at four different levels based on the number of park perk points achieved. The more points you collect, the more prizes you’ll get! Prize value increases with point values.

The challenge officially begins on the actual anniversary date of April 19 and runs through October 4. **The form will be available to download starting on April 18 at [www.medinacountyparks.com](http://www.medinacountyparks.com). Hard copies will be available at the nature centers or park headquarters in mid-April.**



The spring program guide is now online at [www.MedinaCountyParks.com](http://www.MedinaCountyParks.com). March, April, and May are full of amazing programs! Most of the programs are free of charge.