

Know how to avoid fall wildlife encounters!

Ungulates, such as moose, elk, deer, buffalo, and caribou, travel between different seasonal grazing and feeding ranges during the fall. Make sure you know what to expect, and how to stay safe!



Farmer's fields



Human-made corridors



Roads



Rivers

Ungulates make up to 4 migrations a year across many landscapes.

They're attracted to the paved roads during the Fall to Spring because they like to lick the road salt used to melt ice, and eat the grass in the ditches.



The Fall Rut

The rut is the seasonal mating time for moose, elk, deer, caribou, and buffalo.

Male ungulates have a surge in testosterone causing them to be increasingly aggressive and eager to challenge other males for dominance and mates.

At this time, there's a higher risk of encountering male ungulates.

Avoid collisions with ungulates

- Ensure that your windshield and headlights are clean
- Securely fasten your seatbelt
- Scan the roadside for wildlife (e.g., eye reflections)
- Stay alert and slow down, particularly at dawn and dusk
- Drive at a reduced speed at night. Use your high beams where possible, ensuring that your headlights light up the road and the roadside.
- Prepare for more animals after you spot a single one by slowing down and staying alert
- Slow down and stay alert at wildlife crossings and warning signs

Avoid encounters with ungulates

- Call local fish and wildlife to determine if the area you're going to is populated by ungulates, so you can be prepared
- Avoid ungulate habitats, as well as grassy meadows and fresh water sources, which they frequent
- Scan for animal signs, like droppings and rut holes
- Be cautious and alert during work