

Fort Lewis College Official

Dear Campus,

A mountain lion was spotted along the East Service Road near Centennial A last night (Thursday night). A police officer was notified, but the lion had disappeared before the officer arrived. The Division of Wildlife was contacted and a Wildlife officer will be checking the area today.

Please be alert if you are in the area around the Centennial Apartments and keep in mind a few safety tips.

- If possible, travel in groups and keep children close.
- Make noise when going around turns to avoid surprising a mountain lion.
- **If you encounter a mountain lion, do not panic and do not run.**
- Face the lion and back away slowly.
- Make yourself appear larger by raising your arms or opening your jacket.
- Throw stones or branches at the mountain lion.
- If attacked, fight back and try to remain on your feet.

Mountain lion sightings on campus are rare and, in general, the chances of a mountain lion attacking a person are also low. Still, it is important to be prepared.