VENOMOUS SNAKE SAFETY

Two species of venomous snake occur in this area: the Eastern Copperhead and Timber Rattlesnake.

Timber Rattlesnake (Crotalus horridus)
- Large spade-shaped head with elliptical pupil
- Heat-sensing pit between nostril and eye
- Tail rattle
- Variable coloration: yellow and black phases with dark blotches or chevrons down back

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Eastern Copperhead (Agkistrodon contortrix)
- Vertically elliptical pupil
- Heat-sensing pit between nostril and eye
- Tan to brown body with distinct hourglass blotches
- Juveniles have bright yellow tail tip

Snake Bite Prevention
1. Stay on the trail when hiking and watch where you step.
2. Wear sturdy, closed-toe footwear.
3. Look before you place your hands and feet when climbing over rocks or logs.
4. Maintain a safe distance from any snakes that you encounter.

In the rare case of a venomous snake bite, contact the Maryland Poison Control Center at 800-222-1222 and seek immediate medical attention.

All snakes are an important part of our ecosystem and are protected from killing under Maryland Department of Natural Resources regulations.

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