



No tourists? No problem for Yosemite's wild animals

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"The wildlife is getting a little bit bolder now because there are few people around," says Frank Dean, President of the Yosemite Conservancy.

1. Wild animals are taking advantage _____

2-1. That's according to conservationists, _____

2-2. the animals _____

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(SOUNDBITE) (English) PRESIDENT OF THE YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY, FRANK DEAN, SAYING:

"I think the most obvious change though has been the coyotes and how, they are out in the daytime now and very, they're not afraid. I mean, they're just sort of walking by people and walking around, among buildings and so forth, and houses."

3-1. Dean says the park - _____

3-2. is now full of natural sounds _____

4-1. Even the bears _____

4-2. and are climbing trees in clear view _____

(SOUNDBITE) (English) PRESIDENT OF THE YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY, FRANK DEAN, SAYING:

“There is more bears around right now too. The bears are coming out of their normal hibernation at this time. And someone thought that there were more bears, you know, actually in the park right now, but it's really just that they're being seen more frequently, because again, they're not as secretive and they're feeling more comfortable.”

5-1. It remains unclear when _____

5-2. and just how Yosemite - which regularly ranks _____

(SOUNDBITE) (English) PRESIDENT OF THE YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY, FRANK DEAN, SAYING:

"What we do wonder is if, when the park does reopen at some point, will there be a big rush to get in? I mean, I think some people would want to go on a walk, but we wonder, will people want to go into a restaurant or to a theater or visitor center. So, I think the visitor patterns may be different.”

6-1. But while park earnings _____

6-2. the wildlife, like this herd of deer _____

[Vocabulary]

□ **take advantage of:** to make good use of

- *Try to take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way.*
- *Let's take advantage of the good weather and go hiking.*

□ **Yosemite National Park:** a national park in California famous for its waterfalls and rock formations

□ **conservationist:** someone who works to protect the environment from damage or destruction

□ **branch out:** to explore something new; to widen one's interests or scope of expertise.

• *You're a great student, honey, but I would really like for you to branch out and try a sport this year.*

• *Paul used to only be interested in still photography, but he's branching out and shooting movies now.*

□ **conservancy:** an organization that is in charge of protecting an area of land or water from damage; the official conservation of trees and soil and rivers etc.; People and organizations caring for the environment

- *"raising money for the conservancy of natural resources"*
- *'From the point of view of nature conservancy, I'd rather see it left unspoiled'*

□ **coyote:** a small wild dog that lives in North America. Coyotes often live near people and sometimes steal food or kill small pets. Also called prairie wolf.

□ **hibernation:** cessation from or slowing of activity during the winter; especially slowing of metabolism in some animals

□ **secretive**: deliberately not telling people things

- *She's very secretive about her past.*

□ **rank among**: to be considered a part of some particular group of people or things, especially the best, worst, or some other superlative.

- *Their latest device ranks among the most advanced consumer technology available.*
- *They have got to rank among the worst customer service I've ever had to deal with before.*

□ **rebound**: to return to a better level or position

- *Stock prices rebounded today after yesterday's sharp fall.*

□ **rush**: a sudden movement forward, especially by a crowd of people

- *Everyone made a rush for the ice cream stand.*
- *The men left in a rush.*

□ **visitor center**: a building that gives information and services to visitors to a place such as a city, historical building, or nature reserve

□ **herd**: a large group of animals of the same type that live and move around together

□ **dazzling**: extremely impressive

- *She appeared in a dazzling red dress.*
- *You have a dazzling smile.*

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