



DO'S & DON'TS IF YOU SPOT A CROCODILE

Do's



Be extra attentive while walking in areas with crocodiles, and avoid going too close to the water. Stay away from the water's edge



Be careful and warn your group if you spot a crocodile. Stay calm and stay far from the animal



Be specially vigilant in crocodile areas, avoid walking or entering, launching or retrieving boats. If you need to be on the water, use a boat and keep your arms and legs secure



Enter areas close to riverbanks during broad daylight only



Keep your livestock out of reach of crocodiles by grazing them away from the water's edge or riverbed



If a crocodile charges from a distance, shout loudly so that nearby people can hear you, and then run or climb a tree



Check with local people about the presence of crocodiles before entering an unknown water body



Obey all crocodile warning signs and advisory notices posted around crocodile areas and stick to designated paths



If a crocodile is spotted in a human habitation, keep an eye on the animal. Do not engage with it. Call the forest officials



If anyone is attacked by a crocodile, take the affected person to a hospital nearby as soon as possible

Don'ts



Do not feed, provoke or harass crocodiles. Avoid going very close to them as they can charge at high speed



Don't indulge in water sports or swim in water bodies that have crocodiles



Avoid adopting a four-legged posture in crocodile areas as you can be mistaken for a four-legged animal by a crocodile



Do not bathe, wash clothes or perform rituals in lakes and rivers with known crocodile presence. Do not fish or collect rabs, snails, other molluscs or prawn seeds in such areas



Avoid defecation along riverbanks



Avoid returning regularly to the same spot at the water's edge to fill your bucket or to do your washing



Do not throw fish waste and meat in water bodies close to human habitats, as these can attract crocodiles



Do not venture into Crocodile Conservation Zones without permission from the authorities or without guides



Do not go close to mud mounds near water bodies. Crocodiles lay eggs in such mounds and they guard their eggs and can attack in defence



Do not try to attack a crocodile in retaliation. Inform the forest department officers as soon as possible

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