Beware

Procyon lotor

Aliases: Raccoon, Park Bandit, Camp Robber


If you observe this criminal at your campsite (and you probably will), lock your ice chest, preferably in a vehicle, since suspect is to be considered armed with the knowledge of how to open an ice chest, and has been known to chew through the sides of heavy plastic coolers to dine on fish. Be advised a tent will not discourage this bandit from enjoying a “midnight snack.”

Protect your groceries by placing a heavy object on top of ice chests or food lockers, or wedge the lid closed under a picnic-table bench or under a vehicle. This notorious crook is persistent, so guard your goodies and remember, this is a game preserve, so don’t get too upset if you’re victimized—Procyon lotor is just looking for an easy meal.

Park Superintendent