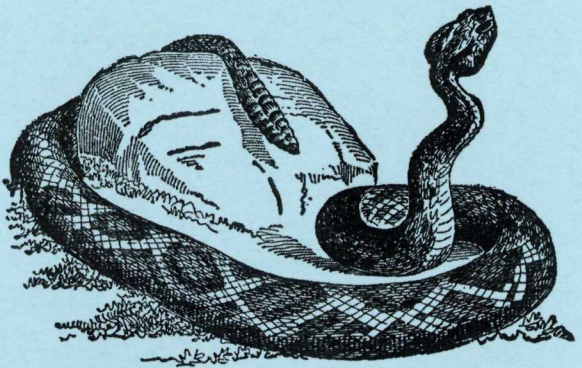


Tips to Stay Safe in Rattlesnake Country!



- DO NOT attempt to handle ANY snakes encountered.
- If a snake is seen around the visitor center, alert a ranger so the snake can be safely relocated.
- Watch the ground in front of you- try to see the snake before you get too close.
- Wear shoes that cover your ankles.
- Don't put your hands or feet into crevices, holes, or rock ledges. These are places snakes seek shelter.
- If you hear a rattlesnake rattling, find the location of the sound and move away.
- If someone is bitten by a rattlesnake, seek immediate medical attention. DO NOT try to treat it yourself.

Rattlesnakes vs.

Non-venomous Snakes

Capulin Volcano is home to the prairie rattlesnake and several non-venomous snakes. Some snakes, such as the bull snake, look similar to rattlesnakes; here are some ways to tell them apart. **DO NOT** handle ANY snake even if it is identified as non-venomous.

Rattlesnakes have:

- Vertical pupils
- Triangular shaped head with a narrow neck
- Pit or hole located between the nostril and eyes
- Rattle located at the end of the tail

Bull snakes have:

- Round pupils
- Narrow heads that transitions smoothly to the rest of the body
- No pits

