Raccoons and Rattlers and Rockets
OH MY!

(Coexisting with Wildlife While Running a Spaceport)

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Welcome to KSC!

- 140,000+ acres of wildlife habitat interspersed with occupied facilities and infrastructure
- 8,500+ employees
- 421 species of animals, including alligators, 4 species of venomous snakes, and many birds and mammals that should be considered “dangerous” if injured, provoked, or frightened
- Human safety is paramount, and all animals are legally protected.
KSC/MINWR Objectives

- Safety (people and wildlife)
- Accomplish the mission
- Conservation
- Recreation

There are many opportunities for conflict…...
Fire
Alligators
Do not approach.
Do not harass.

DO NOT FEED!!

“Nuisance” gators will be removed.
Snakes

Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake

Cottonmouth Moccasin

Pygmy Rattlesnake

Coral Snake
Birds
Nesting
Mammals
Don’t Litter.
Dark Skies
Drive Carefully.
Don’t Feed, Harass, or Move Animals.
Practice “Situational Awareness”.

[Image of a portable toilet and an owl]
With planning and cooperation, we can have it all!

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