# **Keeping Away Pests & Rodents**



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# **Spiders**



Remove webs. Shake out sleeping bags & blankets regularly. Spray bug repellent on outside of tent. For bites, make a paste by soaking Aspirin in water, mix with baking soda & apply. Diluted peppermint oil or toothpaste can be applied to bites.

#### **Bees**

If stung, use something flat to scrape off the stinger immediately, do not squeeze as it will inject more venom. Wash area with soap and water. Apply honey, chewing tobacco juice, baking soda or apple cider vinegar to sting site.

### **Raccoons**

Seal food & pet food, hide both the smell and site of food. Pets can help keep away raccoons by chasing them away.

Remove garbage, especially food related trash, from camp.

#### **Ticks**

Use eucalyptus, peppermint, or lemongrass oil to keep ticks away, mix oils with water and wipe down skin, shoes, along edges of tent or on pets. Eat garlic to prevent you from getting bites (don't feed to pets!) If you find a tick on you or a pet, use clean tweezers to grasp tick as close to the skin as possible, pull up with steady pressure. If the mouth doesn't come out or you don't have access to clean tweezers, leave it in & let the skin heal. After removing, thoroughly clean with soap or rubbing

### **Rats & Mice**



Seal food & pet food, hide smell & sight. Raise tents up on palettes. Leave cotton balls soaked in peppermint oil in places mice have been seen. Fill plastic bottle caps with ammonia and leave out, but do not leave in reach of pets or children. Pets can also help chase away rodents.

#### **Flies**



In shallow dish, mix apple cider vinegar & sugar. This attracts flies and they drown.

Wipe surfaces with water mixed with 20 drops of lemongrass, peppermint, eucalyptus, or citronella oil, or with an apple cider vinegar & witch hazel mixture.

## Scorpions



Mix water with 20 drops of lavender, peppermint or cinnamon oil and wipe around openings. Moisten a burlap sack & leave open in area where scorpions are. Be careful when checking for scorpions in and under the sack. If stung, clean with soap & water, take ibuprofen to relieve pain.

## **Snakes**



Soak rags in ammonia, put in unsealed plastic bags & place where you see snakes. Be careful to not breathe in ammonia, do not leave bags in reach of pets or children.

## **Predatory Birds**

Place shiny objects like CDs or mirrors outside tent. Make repellent spray by mixing crushed dried chili peppers, water & vinegar together in a clear container & leave out in the sun to infuse. Spray where birds are causing problems.

## Mosquitos



Use bug repellant, store bought or make using 1 part eucalyptus oil to 10 parts witch hazel (can get at drugstore). Citronella oil or candles can also keep mosquitos away. You can keep nonvenomous spiders around, they eat mosquitos! Apply vinegar, peppermint oil or toothpaste to bites.

## **Fleas**



Leave out a plate or bowl with mix of warm water & dish soap at nighttime. Sprinkle diatomaceous earth (find at walmart or home depot) around areas with flea activity. You can mix food grade diatomaceous earth into your pets food. Spray pet with lemon juice & water mix or diluted tea tree oil, wash pet with diluted apple cider vinegar or put in drinking water. Mix baking powder, salt & sprinkle on blankets or areas pet frequents. PAW (1718 NE 82nd Ave) will provide treatments

#### Lice

Cover hair in coconut or olive oil & comb.
You can mix oil with tea tree oil & wash
out with shampoo. After, soak the comb in
vinegar for 30 minutes to disinfect. Do not
share hats or combs. If possible run all
cloth items through the dryer twice

## Roaches

Cut off top section of a plastic bottle, flip 'top part upside-down, & tape to the bottle to make a funnel into the bottle. Fill the bottom of bottle with soapy water, roaches are attracted to water & will drown.

## **Bedbugs**

Look out for tiny poops, drops of blood on bedding, red itchy bites on skin. Wash bedding & cloth items at high temperature or put in dryer for 3 hours. Spread baking soda, tea tree oil or rubbing alcohol in infected areas. Use lemon juice or paste of water & baking soda for bites.

#### **Ants**

Mix 1 part vinegar to 1 part water & wipe along openings & ant trails or use spray deodorant. Repeat each time ants appear. Put honey or sugar in a closed jar in middle of shallow bowl of water to drown.