

Alligators on Robins AFB

Natural Resources and USDA Wildlife Biologist are monitoring the behavior of several alligators. One larger one in Scout Lake and another in Duck Lake. Information provided anonymously stated that both of these alligators have been fed by people. Feeding alligators is illegal and endangers the safety of both humans and alligators.

- Alligators tend to hang out in vegetation around the water's edge and can be pretty camouflaged, so if you know there are alligators in the lake be extremely cautious. If you see an alligator, a safe distance to maintain is at least 60 feet away. Always monitor children and keep your dogs on leashes away from the water around alligators.
- Although alligators make look slow, these animals are extremely powerful and can move very fast for short distances. Never make an alligator feel threatened either on land or in water.
- When fed, alligators habituate to humans and associate them with food. The majority of alligator attacks are a result of this habituation. Feeding an alligator changes their behavior. Normally they will tend to swim away if there are people around, but a fed alligator will sometimes swim towards humans looking for food.
- PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE ALLIGATORS!!

If you see an alligator exhibiting this or other unusual behavior, please contact Natural Resources at leanne.morrow@us.af.mil or mobile 423-667-9720.

