

## What are Wild Boars?



An increasingly common sight around the island, these native creatures are highly adaptable and omnivorous.

Using their incredibly keen sense of smell, wild boars are able to dig out underground tubers and seeds for food. By doing so, they help to disperse seeds in the forest.

Males are known to be solitary while females with young travel around in a group. Females can produce up to eight piglets at one time.

## What to Do When You Encounter a Wild Boar?

- ✓ Be calm and move slowly away. Do not attempt to approach for photographs or to feed them.
- ✓ Leave the boars alone, especially if they are accompanied by piglets.
- ✓ Keep a safe and respectful distance from the boars.
- ✓ Leave your dogs at home if you're visiting a nature area with wild boars as they may be provoked.

**Do not feed wild boars**  
**Doing so can incur a fine of up to \$10,000**

For more queries regarding wild boars, contact NParks at 1800-476-1600, or through our online feedback form at [www.avs.gov.sg/feedback](http://www.avs.gov.sg/feedback)

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## Advisory on Wild Boars

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## Human-Boar Encounters

Wild boars are natural foraging animals and they tend to wander into parks and gardens while searching for food.



Wild boars have a keen sense of smell and those used to human feeding might approach you when you bring food into nature areas.

Like other wild animals, wild boars are not prone to attack unless they feel threatened or are provoked.

They are strong and fast runners and may cause injuries when provoked.

Sows who are pregnant or are with piglets are very protective of their young and hence may be more likely to feel threatened by humans.

## Do Not Feed the Boars

- Feeding wild boars causes them to become reliant on humans for food and alters their natural foraging habits.
- With no natural predators, feeding the boars will cause their population to grow at an unnatural rate.
- Feeding causes the boars to head out of the forest more often, where they may approach people and may become aggressive.
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Keep food out of sight and dispose of all food waste properly when you visit the nature reserves and green spaces.

## Boar-Proof Your Homes

Due to their foraging habits, wild boars may damage fences when trying to find food.

Here are some tips on how to boar-proof your home:

- ✓ Ensure all fences are properly maintained, with a solid base that is dug into the ground. This is especially so if you grow food plants that wild boars are attracted to, such as edible roots and fruits.
- ✓ Dispose of all your food waste properly.



A well built and maintained fence with a solid base can help to keep boars out of your property. You may contact NParks for more advice on how to boar-proof your home.