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# Lion warning issued for Cabrillo area

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**APTOS** — A warning has been issued after a jogger apparently saw a mountain lion in an undeveloped area of Cabrillo College.

The jogger encountered the lion, or possibly a large bobcat, eating a recently felled deer on Well Road located west of the upper campus, Cabrillo police said.

Officers investigated the site Thursday and discovered the remains of a half-eaten deer, police reported.

Chief John Barker has recommended that people avoid the less developed areas of the campus until more information about the cat's whereabouts is available.

He also recommended that dogs, for their safety, be prevented from roaming the area.

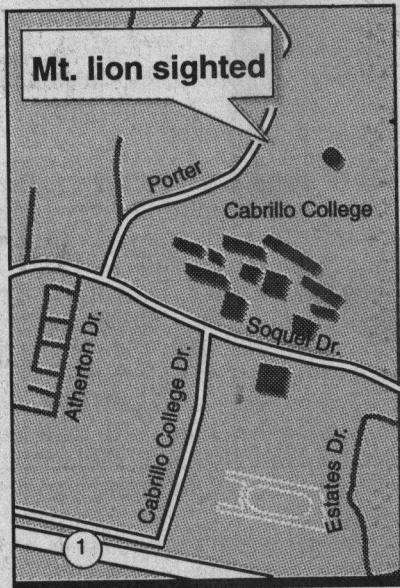
Several warning notices were posted on campus this week.

In September, a jogger running on a trail at UC Santa Cruz was stalked by a mountain lion, but unharmed. There have been other mountain lion sightings on the UCSC campus.

The state Department of Fish and Game recommends that people do not jog or hike alone in an area where a sighting has occurred.

People are also advised not to run if they encounter a mountain lion. Instead, people should back away slowly if they can do so safely. Do not crouch or bend over.

Officials also advise people to



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raise their arms to appear larger. Adults should keep children close to them.

"If the lion behaves aggressively, throw stones, branches, or whatever you can grab without crouching or turning your back," according to a notice issued by Cabrillo College. "Fight back, if necessary, and try to remain standing. If you are knocked down, try to get back up immediately."

Anyone who sees a mountain lion around campus is asked to call Cabrillo College campus police at 479-6313.