

# Outdoor Recreation

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# Outdoor Education

## Cougar

Cougars are known by many names, including puma, mountain lion and panther. Although the scientific name, *Puma concolor*, means 'cat of one color,' the dominant tan or light-cinnamon color of the cougar is contrasted by its white chest and underside. Black appears on the muzzle, backs of the ears and the tip of the tail. Size and weight of cougars vary. Adult males are larger—often measuring up to eight feet in length and weighing 150–200 pounds. Adult females usually measure up to seven feet in length and average 90–110 pounds. Cougars are easily distinguished from bobcats (except when kittens). Cougars are much larger than bobcats and have long tails that measure approximately one-third of the overall body length.



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