

Denmark offers tourists tips on wolf encounters

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Danish authorities have advised tourists to stand still, make eye contact and put up “maximum resistance” in the event of attack if they encounter a wolf while on holiday.

After a 200-year absence, wolves started returning to Denmark in 2012. There are now estimated to be 49 on the Jutland peninsula.

It is rare for wolves to approach humans, but young ones were spotted doing so earlier this year near the tourist destination of Oksbøl. The municipality of Varde and Visit Vesterhavet have distributed flyers containing advice to holiday homes, campsites and tourist offices in Danish, English and German.

Tourists are advised to hold eye contact, take a picture of the animal and if it does not go away to shout, clap and wave their arms. While there have been no wolf attacks in Denmark, in the event of one tourists are told to “offer maximum resistance: hit, kick and use any blunt weapon”.