

30 Facts about Moose You Might not Know | Maine Moose Facts

If you are looking for a great moose watching area, Western Maine is the right place. This amazing creature can be spotted all over Maine and of course some of the best spots to see them are in Maine's Lakes and Mountains.

Moose are gentle giants. They are herbivores and they are very respectful of their environment and other animals. They are by far one of the most interesting creatures we have in Maine.



Below are **30 interesting Moose facts** you may not have known.

1. Moose are the official state animal of Maine.
2. Male moose are called Bull Moose.
3. Only Bull Moose has antlers.
4. Bulls' antlers can span up to 6 feet wide and weigh up to 90 lbs.
5. Bull Moose shed their antlers every winter and grows them back every spring.
6. Each year a moose grows bigger antlers than the year before.
7. Bull Moose grow antlers to impress cows during mating season and to express dominance in the pack.
8. Moose have the highest rate of bone formation growth; growing up to 1 inch a day.
9. During mating season Bull Moose are more aggressive.
10. Moose live for an average of 25 years and can weigh up to 1500 lbs.
11. Moose on average are 7 feet tall at the shoulders and 8.5 feet in length.
12. Moose are great swimmers and can swim up to 6 mph.
13. Moose can run up to 35 mph.
14. Female moose are called "cows".
15. Female moose (cows) are pregnant for 8 months.
16. Infant moose are called "calves".
17. Baby moose are an average of 25 – 33 lbs when born.
18. Calves will stay with their mom until they are 1 year old.
19. Moose have bad eyesight.
20. Moose have 32 teeth.
21. Moose have no upper front teeth.
22. Moose have front legs that are longer than their back legs.
23. Moose have 27 chromosomes. Humans have 23.
24. The flap that hangs under the moose's throat is called a "Bell".
25. Moose are the largest member of the deer family.
26. There is such thing as a white moose; however it's extremely rare, and is not considered an albino.
27. Like a dog, when moose are agitated the hairs on their backs stand up straight.
28. Maine has the second highest population (30,000) of moose in the U.S., next to Alaska.
29. May, June, September, October and December are the best moose watching seasons in Maine.
30. You are more likely to see a fully antlered Bull Moose in September and October. (This is right before they shed them for the winter)