

DANGER... Moose Alert

when driving in
New Brunswick...
especially at night!



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Moose-Vehicle Collisions

Over 250 moose-vehicle collisions occur on New Brunswick's highways every year. A moose can weigh 450 kilograms (1,000 pounds) and stand 2 metres (6½ feet) tall, often resulting in the animal impacting the windshield and roof of a vehicle. Collisions with such a large animal often result in severe damage to the vehicle involved and sometimes death or serious injury to vehicle occupants.



Why do collisions occur ?

Roadways often run through areas of prime moose habitat. Moose have to cross these roadways in order to access their habitat. Roads also tend to attract moose, which come there to:

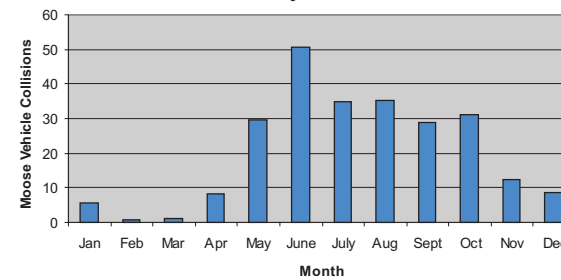
- feed on the vegetation along the roadside;
- gain relief from flies in the open windswept right-of-ways;

As long as there are moose in New Brunswick, they will be found on or near highways. Data shows that even in areas with very low moose density, moose are still attracted to roadways and can pose a hazard to drivers.

When do collisions occur ?

Moose-vehicle collisions are reported year round, but more than 85% occur between May and October. **The three most critical months are June, July & August.**

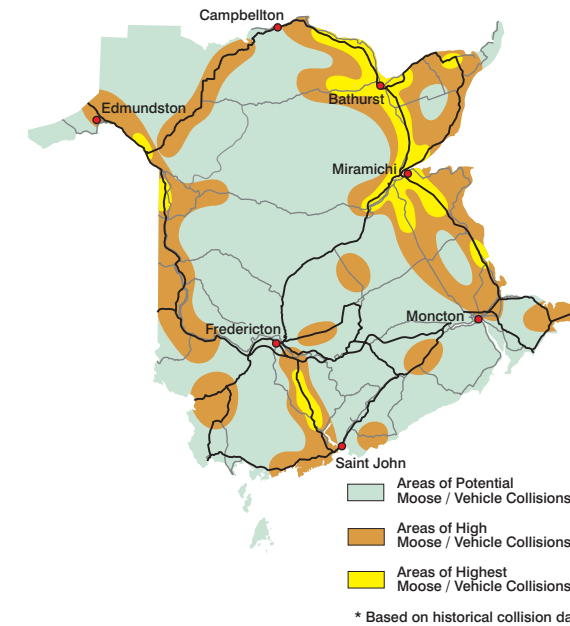
New Brunswick Department of Transportation
Motor Vehicle Collision Statistics, 1995 to 2000
Annual Distribution of Moose / Vehicle Collisions
by month



The majority of collisions occur **between dusk and dawn**, when driver visibility is severely limited and moose are most active. Moose are especially hard to see at this time because they are dark brown and their eyes do not reflect light like those of a deer.

Where do collisions occur ?

A driver can expect to encounter moose while traveling on any road at any time. Historically, there are areas in the province and sections of road where the risk of having a moose-vehicle collision is higher.



These sections of roadways are often marked with moose warning signs.



How may I avoid a collision ?

1. Slow Down when driving at night. This will allow you more time to respond to a moose on or near the highway.

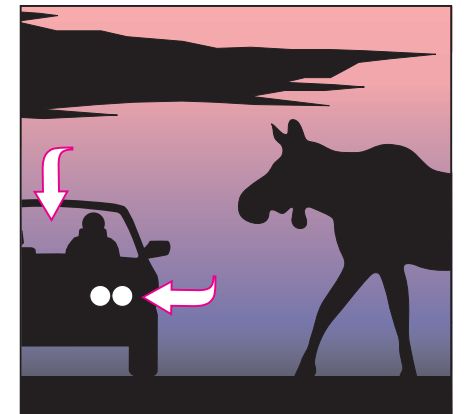
2. Pay Attention to the Warning Signs. They mark **High Risk Areas**. These signs were placed along the highway for you.

3. Scan Both Sides Of The Road ahead as far as possible. The best way to avoid an accident is to spot the moose well in advance. If you have a passenger, ask them to scan both sides of the road as well.

4. Use Extreme Caution whenever you see an animal. Moose are highly **Unpredictable**. The moose you see standing calmly at the edge of the road could bolt in front of your vehicle at the last moment.

5. Keep Your Windshield Clean.

6. Keep Your Headlights Adjusted. Use high beams whenever possible.



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