



Florida River Otter Attack Report

1. Case Number

These reports are being collected by the River Otters of South Florida website. The information in these reports will be part of an ongoing scientific investigation on river otter attacks on People and Pets in Florida.

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Date of Report _____

2. Victim's Name (Last, First):	3. Sex: __ Male__ Female	4. Age(00/00/0000)	5. Telephone:
			6. Email:
7. Address (No. & Street)		City	Zip Code
8. Name of Parent/Guardian (if victim was a minor)	9. Address (if different than above)		
10. Who provided the information for this report? (enter name and telephone number below) Name: _____ Telephone (or other way to contact): _____			
11. Location of Attack (include GPS coordinates if available and include county name):	12. Were you in the water when attack occurred? __Yes __No Where you? __Swimming or__ Wading	13. Time and Date of Attack:	
14. Circumstances of the Attack (how did the otter appear to you?) __Sick __ Provoked __ Unprovoked __ Playfull __Other (describe):			
15. Otter(s) at the Attack Site: How many otters did you observe in the attack site? ____ Did more than one otter attack you? __Yes __No If Yes, How many?____ If you saw only one otter did it appear to be__ Large __ Medium __Small If you saw more than one otter was there? __ two that were close in size? __ One that was large and one or more that were smaller? How many smaller did you see ____ If you saw two large and one or more smaller How many smaller?____ When you first saw the otter was it __ in the water __ on the bank __Other (describe):			
16. Did you have any pets with you before and during the Attack? __yes __ no If Yes, describe the pet(s):	Was the pet making any sounds prior to the attack (describe)?	Was the pet(s) attacked? __Yes __ No	Was the pet injured/killed by the otter (describe what happened)?
17. What were you doing prior to the attack? __ Watching otter from a distance __ Standing at the water's edge __ Walking a pet(s) within 10 feet of the water's edge __ Trying to get the otter's attention (describe how):			

18. Were you bitten or scratched by the otter? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
19. Photographs Taken Did you take photos of the animal involved? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Did you take photos of all visible injuries? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
20. How Attack Was Originally Reported At first, did you report the attack somewhere other than to this website? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, the report was made to the <input type="checkbox"/> City police <input type="checkbox"/> County Sheriff's Office <input type="checkbox"/> State Police <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission(FWC) or <input type="checkbox"/> County in which attack occurred
21. Medical Attention Did you obtain immediate medical Attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, did you see a Doctor (MD) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Was anything about Rabies discussed with you? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
22. Disposition of Otter and Human Health Do you know if the otter was captured or killed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If the otter was captured or killed, do you know who took the otter? Describe who: Do you know if the otter was tested for Rabies? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If the answer is yes, was the result <input type="checkbox"/> Negative for Rabies or <input type="checkbox"/> Positive for Rabies
23. Other Comments:

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Instructions for completing the form "Florida River Otter Attack Report"

The purpose of this Report form is to collect information about river otter attacks on humans for the use in tracking, monitoring the locations, determining similarities among the various attacks.

1. Case Number: This number is assigned to each otter attack on humans and is intended for internal tracking.
2. Name: Provide the first and last name of the attack victim.
3. Sex: Indicate if the victim is male or female.
4. Age: Provide the victim's age.
5. Telephone: Enter the victim's contact telephone number.
6. Email: Providing this information is optional. However, by providing your email you can receive reports on other otter attacks or summaries of otter attacks in Florida.
7. Address: Enter the victim's address, including number and street, city, state, and zip code.
9. Name of Parent/Guardian: If the victim is a minor, enter the name of a parent or guardian.
8. Address: Enter the parent/guardian's address, if different from that of the victim.

10. Who provided the information for this report: Indicate the name and contact telephone number or other means of contacting the person providing the information for the report.
11. Place of Attack: Enter the geographic location where the bite occurred (i.e. victim's home, owner's home, address of a house or business adjacent to where attack occurred, name of street and the closet intersecting street location, GPS location, etc.).
12. Enter the information about victim being in or out of the water when attack occurred.
13. Time and Date of Attack: Indicate the time and date when the attack took place.
14. Circumstances of the Attack: Check the appropriate line(s) to describe the circumstances regarding how the otter appeared to you? If you checked "Other" please describe what you observed. Add any additional information you feel may be relevant to the Circumstances of the attack.
15. Otter(s) at the Attack Site: It is important to know the number and sizes of otters at the attack site as this may provide clues as why the attack occurred. Knowing the size(s) of the otter(s) provides clues about the sex or age of an otter
16. Any pets with you before and during the attack. The presence of pets and their actions (such as barking) may cause the otter to become curious and approach the pet and you. An otter has poor eyesight and it must move closer to the sound to see what is making the sound.
17. What were you doing prior to the attack? It is important to know what you were doing when you saw the otter and before the attack occurred. Making sounds you think may get the attention of the otter may likely cause the otter to approach you. Continuing to make sounds as the otter approaches may cause the otter to come even closer.
18. Were you bitten or scratched by the otter? Some attacks may result in not being scratched or bitten. However, this is not normally the case.
19. Photographs Taken: Taking photographs of the otter will confirm the identity of the otter as an otter. Taking photos of areas on your body where you were bitten may aid a physician in your treatment and provides documentation of the injuries should this be needed.
20. How Attack Was Originally Reported: It is important to know where an otter attack has been reported and thus ensures the reported attack becomes part of an ongoing record of otter attacks in Florida.
21. Medical Attention: It is very important you seek medical attention as quickly as you can after an attack involving scratches or bites.
22. Disposition of Otter and Human Health: Knowing whether the otter was captured or killed may indicate the otter would be taken somewhere to undergo tests for diseases which can be transmitted to human or pets, such as Rabies.
23. Other Comments: Should you have any comments or questions regarding the reporting of an otter attack enter them here.