

Sharing The Land With Livestock

With a little care, you can share the land safely with cows.

While most cows are peaceful, mothers will do almost anything to protect their calves. Do not get caught between a cow and her calf. Always keep dogs on leash around cattle, a mother cow sees dogs as serious predators.



Photo by Nick Fullerton

If you find cattle blocking the trail, here is how to pass safely:

- Ensure the cows have a safe, open place to go.
- Alert them by speaking in a normal voice.
- Step calmly into their “personal space” or “flight zone”. If they do not move, take another step. This should get them moving.
- Step back and give space to any cow that shows signs of aggression.

Enjoy hiking safely among your cow neighbors!

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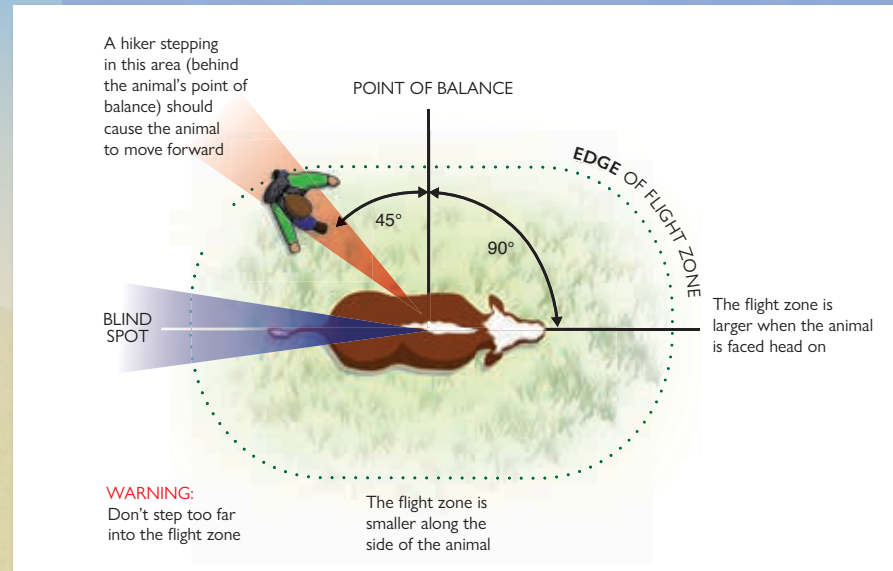


Diagram: Adapted from Temple Grandin