

Living in Lake County and having Lake Frances in our back yard, we are likely to see an alligator in or near the water. They also like to sun themselves by coming out of the water and laying in the sun. You need to keep your distance from them and not feed, harass, or kill them as that violates state law.

However, if an alligator appears threatening, comes close to your home, or becomes a risk to humans or pets, contact the Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC) at 866-392-4286 which is their Nuisance Alligator Hotline. You will be asked when you saw the gator (visual contact is needed), approximate length, and where it was (in water or on land). They will dispatch a contracted nuisance alligator trapper to resolve the situation.

In the past month, two gators have been trapped at Lake Frances and more may be since this is their mating season and they are active. If you call the Hotline, please notify myself, Lenny Webb, or another board member of the call. Thank you for your cooperation.

Judy Barnhouse, POA President