

Interview Number: 145

Interviewer: Ah, please tell me a story about an experience you've had with coyotes in Vermont.

Interviewee: Um, so probably my most notable one was when I was walking in the woods at my house in Ferrisburg, Vermont and we have like seven acres of trails kind of behind our house that line up where um, kind of back into a hundred acres of town forest. Um, so like the back edge of our property has quit a bit more woods to go. And so when I was at our back corner one time like I heard a rustling and I like looked up and I saw a coyote like shoot up um like this kind of revine between me and the coyote and the coyote shot up the hill on the other side and ran away, and I guess I was a little spooked because I was like in my in my own place and um..alone you know and, and a little bit worried but also little bit excited and, and that was mostly it.

Interviewer: Can you explain why that story was meaningful to you?

Interviewee: I think because of like the element of danger, and just knowing that I was alone, and I felt lucky that it was one coyote--what if it had been three or they felt that they needed to be defensive in some reason? So like I think I actually avoided that corner of our trails for a couple weeks.

Interviewer: Haha

Interviewer: Now let's talk about coyotes more generally.

Interviewee: okay

Interviewer: Can you rank your experience of coyotes in Vermont on a scale of one to ten, one being negative and ten being positive?

Interviewee: Uh five. Neutral.

Interviewer: Ha. Can you explain why you ranked your experience that way?

Interviewee: Um they are definitely like part of, of where we live. Their part of our environment and they haven't done anything to personally harm me or any of my animals. Ah probably the worst thing they've done is keep me up at night yipping. Um but really they've done me no harm I can't say that they've done me any good, but I know that were, were also living in their territory, so any, anything bad that kinda comes is kinda ya know, were living, were in their land a little bit.

Interviewer: We're almost done. I just have a quick back, few quick background questions for you now.

Interviewee: Okay

Interviewer: Think back to the coyote story that you shared. Can you tell me where it took place?

Interviewee: That took place at my home in Ferrisburg in the back corner of our, um, of our trail system.

Interviewer: And, can you tell me what year your coyote story took place in?

Interviewee: What it to place in?

Interviewer: Ya, like what year?

Interviewee: oh, what year um.. I think 2015.

Interviewer: What kind of things do you do outside, for work or for recreation?

Interviewee: So I work at the horse barn and I have my horse that I ride, um we have our trail system, so I walk in our trails all the time. Um when I was younger I used to hike mountains, but now I like my back woods haha.

Interviewer: Haha

Interviewee: and..um you know I would say that's my, my main thing, or few things.

Interviewer: How long have you, oh.

Interviewee: And picnics

Interviewer: How long have you lived in Vermont?

Interviewee: I have lived in Vermont since the summer of 2006.

Interviewer: What town do you live in?

Interviewee: I live in Ferrisburg.

Interviewer: What year were you born in?

Interviewee: 1982

Interviewer: What is your gender?

Interviewee: Female.

Interviewer: What is your ethnicity?

Interviewee: White--caucasian I don't know what to say for that question haha.

Interviewer: You're done! Thanks so much for your story and your time.