

Panther Quest Answer Key

FWC Answer Key :

1. 120-230
2. Bobcat
3. Puma concolor coryi
4. Dawn and Dusk
5. Deer, wild hogs, and racoons
6. Up to 20 years
7. Vehicle collisions an panthers killing other panthers (intraspecific aggression)
8. 3 years old
9. Palmetto thicket
10. Keep children within sight and close to you.

Give the panther space. Most Florida panthers will avoid a confrontation. Give them a way to escape. Do not run. Stand and face the animal. Make eye contact. Avoid crouching or bending over. Squatting or bending over makes you look smaller, resembling a prey-sized animal. Make yourself appear larger, open your jacket, raise your arms, throw stones, branches, etc. without turning away. If attacked, fight back with whatever is at hand (without turning your back).

USFWS Answer Key:

1. 1967
2. When three populations of at least 240 individuals each (excluding dependent-aged kittens) have been established.
3. Grey with darks brown or blackish spots and five bands around the tail. The spots gradually fade as the kittens grow.
4. Dense understory vegetation
5. 5%
6. Increasing human population and development
7. Texas pumas were the closest extant puma population to Florida
8. 2016
9. Georgia
10. Drive slowly in panther country, report panther sighting and interactions, aid injured and orphaned panthers, support panther research.

Florida Wildlife Federation Answer Key:

1. Uplands and wetlands.
2. 70 and 200, 250
3. 97,000
4. 2 and 3, 3-month
5. The panther stalks its prey and then drags its food to a safe place to eat
6. Panthers may not make the sounds you were expecting! In the video you can hear them making chirping sounds, but they also can peep, whistle, purr, scream, growl, or hiss.