

Verified Mountain Lion Attacks on Humans in California

(Data provide by CDFG)

DATE OF ATTACK	TYPE OF ATTACK	ATTACK LOCATION	VICTIM INFORMATION
June 1890	Fatal	Quartz Valley - Siskiyou County	7 year old male
July 1909 *	Fatal	Morgan Hill - Santa Clara County	10 year old male
July 1909 *	Fatal	Morgan Hill - Santa Clara County	22 year old female
March 1986	Nonfatal	Caspers Wilderness Park - Orange County	5 year old female
October 1986	Nonfatal	Caspers Wilderness Park - Orange County	6 year old male
March 1992	Nonfatal	Gaviota State Park - Santa Barbara County	9 year old male
September 1993	Nonfatal	Cuyamaca State Park - San Diego County	10 year old female
April 1994	Fatal	Auburn State Recreation Area - El Dorado County	40 year old female
August 1994	Nonfatal	Mendocino County (remote)	50s year old male
August 1994	Nonfatal	Mendocino County (remote)	50s year old female
December 1994	Fatal	Cuyamaca State Park - San Diego County	56 year old female
March 1995	Nonfatal	Mt. Lowe (San Gabriel Mtns.) - Los Angeles County	27 year old male
January 2004	Fatal	Whiting Ranch Regional Park - Orange County	35 year old male
January 2004	Nonfatal	Whiting Ranch Regional Park - Orange County	30 year old female
June 2004	Nonfatal	Sequoia National Forest - Tulare County	28 year old female
January 2007	Nonfatal	Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park - Tulare County	70 year old male

* Fatalities in 1909 diagnosed as due to rabies.

Note: Two additional incidents were reported in the media as mountain lion attacks, but were determined not to be verifiable attacks on humans. The first incident involved a turkey hunter who was camouflaged and calling for turkeys when a mountain lion jumped him from behind. Immediately after the mountain lion realized that the hunter was not a turkey, the lion ran away. This was judged to not be an attack on a human. The second incident was described as a mountain lion attack on a boy in the Los Padres National Forest. The boy's alleged injuries were not verified by a physician, law enforcement officer or CDFG personnel.