

BABOON MANAGEMENT in Nature's Valley

A troop of baboons lives and forages in Nature's Valley and the surrounding National Park. They are habituated and show little or no fear of humans. They raid homes, chalets and tents in search of food. So as to reduce these incidents please apply the following baboon management techniques.

- Ensure that all food in the home is secured where baboons (and monkeys) can't get at it. That means having a safety clip on the fridge and on cupboards. During the day it is a good idea to keep doors closed and locked, especially those leading to the kitchen and pantry.
- Do not leave dog-food outside.
- Bird feeders also attract baboons and monkeys. As tempting as it might be, don't feed the birds.
- Make sure that any composting facility is secured.
- Ensure that all domestic waste, both inside and outside your home is kept in secured bins. When waste is placed on the roadside for collection on a Friday ensure that it is in a secured bin. Do not leave refuse bags containing domestic waste on the roadside.
- Make sure that waste for recycling is cleaned properly before delivering it to the waste transfer station in Forest Drive (Forestry Lane).
- On departure from the Valley take all waste to the waste transfer station in Forest Drive (Forestry Lane).
- If you encounter a baboon in your home, chalet or tent provide it with space to escape. If it has stolen food do not try and retrieve the food.
- To chase baboons off your property make a loud noise and/or spray them with water from a hosepipe.
- If the problem persists call the local ADT patrol on 083 290 9085 for assistance.
- If you wish to join a Nature's Valley baboon alert whatsapp group please contact the Nature's Valley Trust (NVT) office at 044 531 6820.