



Safe roads
For wildlife
and drivers!

Guide for
drivers

Route 2:
Interamericana
Sur
Costa Rica

Why Route 2: El Empalme-Villa Mills is not safe for wildlife and drivers?

1. At the edges of the road there are National Parks and Forest Reserves and wildlife needs to move for mating, eating and to find refuge.
2. At the edges and on the road you can find: tapirs, red brocket deer, cougars, jaguars, peccaries, oncillas and many other mammals and birds.
3. There is no infrastructure for wildlife to cross safely under or over the road.



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4. There is no fence to avoid wildlife to access the road.
5. This road is often full with fog, has many curves and hills.
6. This road is crossed by more than 4.000 vehicles per day and some have reached a speed of 120k/h.
7. In this road daily die and average 13 mammals and birds due to vehicle collisions.



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1. The section of 10 km of the road between the National Parks is where most of the tapir roadkills and sightings have occurred, so be careful
2. There are tapir signs on the road reduce your speed to 40km, when approaching them
3. When there is fog, reduce your speed. If you travel late at night or early in the morning, be careful, is when wildlife is more active.



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4. Some species can walk on the road, but others like wildcats can jump, so it is easy to avoid collisions if you go at 40km.
5. Don't feed wildlife, they will get used to people and will be vulnerable to roadkills.
6. If you find a hurt or dead wild animal on the road please call to 911, park your car in a safe place and take care of yourself (wear your reflective vest).

