



One of our more memorable experiences with moose was a sparring match between two of our favorite bulls in the summer of 2012. Over a period of more than an hour in an open meadow, the very young Notch kept pestering the mature but diminutive Digit to engage in a duel. Notch continually pranced around and egged on his reluctant elder until the tables turned as Digit chased off the cheeky adolescent. We were not surprised to watch the characteristically mellow senior tolerate the impetuous youngster, but were startled by what came next. Digit began a long hyperactivity phase called gamboling. He kicked, bucked, rolled his head furiously back and forth, thrashed at phantom bushes, and generally went crazy. He had patiently waited to let off steam until Notch was gone. It was just not in our old friend's nature to be directly aggressive toward another moose. But a gamboling calf is a real delight to see...

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