

We've seen how much connection there is between moose and water. Besides a food source, deep ponds provide recreation for moose in the form of swimming and occasional gamboling (a form of aggressive frolicking). Moose of almost all ages may enjoy a good swim, but they don't always start off that way. Loppy's female calf likes to wade with her mom in the shallows, but she's not keen on venturing into the deeper waters. In the first few weeks of their existence, calves are often seen on the edges of large ponds as their mothers are further out foraging on its wholesome weeds. It takes mom's guidance, coaxing, and ingenuity to get them to venture into the depths and out of their comfort zone. But it's always nice when mom encourages them to venture out...

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