Alligator Alert

The Louisiana and Mississippi State Department of Fish and Wildlife is advising hikers, hunters, fishermen, and golfers to take extra precautions and keep alert for alligators while in parishes and counties. They advise people to wear noise-producing devices such as "little bells" on their clothing to alert, but not startle, the alligators, unexpectedly.

They also advise the carrying of "pepper spray" in case of an encounter with an alligator.

It's also a good idea to watch for fresh signs of alligator activity and be able to recognize the difference between young alligator and adult alligator droppings.

Young alligator droppings are small, contain fish, bones and possibly bird feathers.

Adult alligators droppings have........................ little bells in them and smell like pepper.