

Moose are avid swimmers. They often choose to head out into deep water to cool off on a hot day or to just enjoy the experience. Sometimes they scoop up pond weed and eat as they go. Moose calves are born to swim, but often take their first plunge only after coaxing from mom. Cordie's female calf needed no such encouragement one midsummer's day as she showed real eagerness to frolic in the water and run circles around her mom. Mature moose can swim at speeds of up to six miles per hour, but their calves are never very far behind. But it's always nice when mom encourages them to venture out...

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