

ANIMAL TRACK LOG



Do you want to keep a detailed field notebook of the interesting things you find outside, like a scientist? This activity will help you do just that!

Items to bring on your search:

- Pencil
- Notebook
- Ruler

After you watch the video “Whose Tracks are Those”, take a walk in the woods with an adult, look for animal tracks, and fill out the information for each track you find.

[Habitat type:](#)

Location of track:

[Time of day:](#)

Size of track (inches):

Animal:

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Sketch

After you have come back inside, compare your measurements and sketches to the animal tracks below, and determine what kind of tracks you found!

TIPS FOR IDENTIFYING ANIMAL TRACKS

- Measure the height and width of the track.
- Count the number of toes.
- Look to see if there are claw marks at the end of the toes (*Note: Canine (dog—like a fox) tracks have claw marks and feline (cat) tracks typically do not.)
- Measure how far apart one set of the animal's tracks are from the next set (their stride...like your foot step length).
- Follow the tracks to see where the animal was going and imagine what it was doing, but do not disturb the tracks or any animals.

