

# Go on a TRACK HUNT



## **What You'll Need:**

- Adult guide
- Pencil or pen
- Paper
- Ruler
- Camera (optional)



## **What to Do:**

One of the best ways to learn about animal tracks is to go outside and look at them with an adult. For best results, go track hunting after it rains or snows. Look in areas that are muddy, dirty, or snowy; and search near water sources, such as ponds or creeks.

When you find a track, study it. Count the toes, and see if you can spot any claw marks. Measure the track with a ruler. How wide is it? How long is it? Draw or take a picture of the track. (You can use the back of this page.)

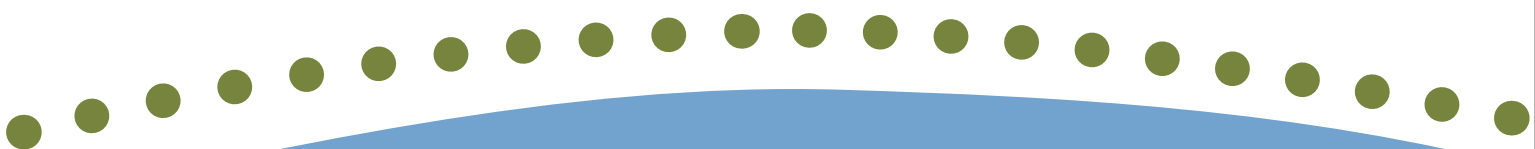
Look around for scat (animal poop) or other signs the critter left behind. An example might be scratch marks on a tree.

Guess what kind of animal left the track behind. Is it a squirrel? A raccoon? Your dog?

After the track hunt, gather your information. Then look at a field guide or search online to see if your guess was correct!



TRACK DRAWING	LENGTH	WIDTH	OTHER SIGNS	ANIMAL GUESS



## Become a Wildlife Detective!

Spotting animals in the wild is tricky, but they leave plenty of clues behind—especially tracks. Examine the evidence. Study the animal tracks. See if you can guess “Whose track is that?” Then turn the page to discover the answer. With every reading, kids get more familiar with a variety of North American critters!