













Hikin' Tykes-TRACKS Resource List

Natural History Story books, illustrated

- o Animal Tracks of Illinois by Tamara Eder, Lone Pine
- Mystery Animal Tracks-A Photo Riddle Book by Kelly Barnhill
- o Tracks, Scats, and Signs by Leslie Dendy, Young Naturalist Field Guides

Picture books with natural history

- Animal Tracks by Arthur Dorros
- Big Tracks, Little Tracks-Following Animal Prints by Millicent E. Selsam, Let's Read-and-Find-Out-About Stage 1
- o Follow Those Feet! by Christine Ricci, Ready-to-Read Level 1
- Tracks in the Snow by Wong Herbert Yee

Websites

https://www.eekwi.org/animals/tracks

Songs & Videos

- Blues Clues Animal Tracks http://www.nickjr.com/blues-clues/videos/119-blues-cluesanimal-tracks/
- Yo Gabba Gabba! Animal Tracks https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3zHqbEdrx2Q
- SciShow Kids, Animal Tracks Detective! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xz02S-CizAU
- o Animal Tracks story book https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2BHPohCWeic

Outdoor Exploration Activity and Lake County Nature Network* Suggestions

- Look for animal tracks & signs in your neighborhood or at other Forest Preserves. Adult care givers can use the next page to help little ones identify the PRINT and the PATTERN
- After a fresh snow or rain fall, find an animal track in the snow, mud or sand. Look for a trail
 and follow it to learn more about an animal's habits. Where is the animal going? What is it
 doing? Did you find its home? Eating place? Be sure to still follow the rules of the park or
 forest preserve.
- Walk along a shoreline—try to identify the bird tracks. Do they have webbed feet? Do they hop or walk?
- Look for animal tracks with four toes. Five toes. Toes with claws. Toes without claws. Tracks
 that look like little hands (raccoon or opossum). Little mice tracks with tail drags. Big coyote
 tracks, perhaps following the mouse tracks, maybe even to the holes where it hides.

Upcoming Hikin' Tykes programs and locations **No program in June

Jul 21, WEATHER, Register to receive a link to a 30 min. virtual live session and resources
Aug 18, POND LIFE, Register to receive a link to a 30 min. virtual live session and resources
Sept 15, WOOLLY BEAR CATERPILLARS, Independence Grove Native Plant Garden
Oct 20, CROWS, Hastings Lake-Shelter A
Nov 17, TURKEYS, Greenbelt Cultural Center Education wing
Dec 15. HAWKS. Rverson Woods Welcome Center



Hikin' tykes















Track Identification

Cat

- > 4 toes on each foot
- round tracks
- > no claw marks
- hind paws narrower



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Rabbit

- > 4 toes on each foot
- oval tracks
- front of skid has claw marks
- almost impossible to see pads





Dog, Fox, Coyote

(Dog family)

- > 4 toes on each foot
- tracks maple leaf shaped or egg shaped
- claw marks appear
- front feet larger

Raccoon

- > 5 toes on each foot
- > toes close together
- toes long and finger shaped
- claw marks appear





Opossum

- > 5 toes on each foot
- toes spread widely
- > toes long and finger shaped
- no claw mark on hind thumbs

Weasel, Skunk, Mink

(Weasel Family)

- > 5 toes on each foot
- > toes close together
- toes short and round
- > some partially webbed





Deer

- > 2 toes on each foot
- front feet show dew claws
- hind feet step in fore feet tracks





Mice, Squirrels, etc.

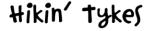
(Rodent Family)

- 4 toes on front feet, 5 toes on hind feet
- tracks are paired when bounding
- size of track is important in separating species
- > may leave tail mark























Walking Gaits

Pace (Raccoon)

Move both left feet together, then both right feet







Bound (Weasel Family)

Move both front feet together, then both hind feet Place hind feet behind front feet





Diagonal Walk

(Dog Family, Cat, Deer, Opossum)

Left front, right hind, right front, left hind







Gallop

(Rodent Family, Rabbit)

Move both feet together, then move both hind feet Place hind feet ahead of front feet





