



Making tracks

With Ranger Steff



WHAT YOU NEED
Shallow tray, flour & food scraps.

Learn about animal tracks and make tracks of your own.

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LEARN

1. Animal tracks are a useful way to know which animals live where. What else can they tell us?
2. Can you name 2 animals with paws and 2 with hooves?
3. Some animals like snakes don't leave footprints, instead they leave curved shapes where their body moves along the ground.

MAKE

A tracking challenge. Use found natural objects to decide on secret symbols for the following: forward, left & right, e.g. left could be 3 sticks side by side and right a circle of leaves. Write them down then lay symbols on the ground at the right places along your route (make sure they can be seen). Hand the symbols sheet to a friend before asking them to close their eyes while you quickly hide at the end of the route. Can they follow the symbols to track you? You could also hide treasure at the end.

DO

Put some flour in a tray. Make sure it's flat then place a bowl of food scraps in the middle. Leave in a garden on a dry night and look for animal tracks in the morning.

Answers: 1. How large the animal is, when the tracks were made & how fast and where the animal was going, 2. Paws: Otter, hedgehog... Hooves: deer, cow...



MAKE SOMEONE LAUGH

What do you call a donkey with three legs?
A wonkey!

ANSWER

How many toes do birds usually have?
Last week's answer: A moth.



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