

Animal Tracks and Signs Additional Reading

Children's Books

Big Tracks, Little Tracks: Following Animal Prints (Let's-Read-And-Find-Out Science, Stage 1)

by Millicent Selsam (Harper Collins, 1999)

Keeping a sharp eye out for clues like animal tracks and odors can help people identify the animals that have passed through an area

In the Snow: Who's Been Here? by Lindsay Barrett George (Greenwillow Books, 1999)

The woods are cold and desolate as Cammy and William hike through the snow, yet signs of animal life are everywhere. Help them find the clues -- a pellet of feathers and bones, a fish head by the brook, a patch of bark rubbed off the trunk of a birch tree, and more -- and join in guessing, "Who's been here?"

In the Woods: Who's Been Here? by Lindsay Barrett George (Mulberry Books, 1998)

Cammy and William do not see any wildlife as they walk through the woods, yet there are signs everywhere that animals have been around. Help these young nature lovers Find the clues -- an empty nest, a fallen branch with the bark gnawed off, bleached bones by a cave, and more -- and join in guessing, "Who's been here?"

Life-Sized Animal Tracks by John Townsend (Book House, 2018)

Follow the tracks . . . and learn all about the animals that made them! This eye-opening guide features to-scale representations of the prints left by mammals and reptiles from across the globe—and a foldout picture of an elephant, too. Accompanied by fascinating tidbits of information, the lifelike illustrations help kids identify creatures by their tracks and encourage budding naturalists to explore and appreciate their local wildlife.

Track that Scat! by Lisa Morlock (Sleeping Bear Press, 2012)

When Finn and her dog Skeeter set out on a hike to cure their restless feet, they literally take a step into nature. A big gooey step...right into scat (also known as poop). And just like the animal it comes from, scat comes in all shapes and sizes. Scat, along with foot or paw tracks, can tell a lot about the creature who produced it. As Finn's hike takes her further into the woods, she happens along some scat and tracks from a variety of woodland creatures. Pairing punchy rhyme with science writing, Lisa Morlock has created the perfect nature guide, providing detailed descriptions of the prints, diets, and behaviors of the animals that Finn and Skeeter encounter along their hike. Watch your step!

Who Was Here? Discovering Wild Animal Tracks by Mia Posada (Millbrook Press , 2014)

What animal was here? Can you solve the mystery? Study the picture and read the clues to figure out who left each set of tracks. Then turn the page to find out about animals from around the world. Watercolor and collage illustrations show the many kinds of trails that animal leave behind in mud, snow, and sand.

Whose Tracks Are These? A Clue Book of Familiar Forest Animals by James Nail (Roberts Rinehart 1996)

A series of clues and striking illustrations detail how to identify a variety of pawprints found in the woodlands. (a Silver Bay Public Library book)

Adult Books

The Lost Art of Reading Nature's Signs: Use Outdoor Clues to Find Your Way, Predict the Weather, Locate Water, Track Animals—and Other Forgotten Skills (Natural Navigation) by Tristan Gooley (The Experiment, 2015)

When writer and navigator Tristan Gooley journeys outside, he sees a natural world filled with clues. The roots of a tree indicate the sun's direction; the Big Dipper tells the time; a passing butterfly hints at the weather; a sand dune reveals prevailing wind; the scent of cinnamon suggests altitude; a budding flower points to the south. To help you understand nature as he does, Gooley shares more than 850 tips for forecasting, tracking, and more, gathered from decades spent walking the landscape around his home and around the world. Whether you are walking in the country or city, along a coastline, or by night, this is the ultimate resource on what the land, sun, moon, stars, plants, animals, and clouds can reveal—if you only know how to look!

Publisher's Note: The Lost Art of Reading Nature's Signs was previously published in the UK under the title The Walker's Guide to Outdoor Clues and Signs.

Scats and Tracks of the Great Lakes: A Field Guide to the Signs of Seventy Wildlife Species by James C. Halfpenny (Falcon Guides, 2015)

See those animal signs on the trail? Was that footprint left by a fox or a wolf? Was that pile of droppings deposited by a moose, a mouse, or a marten? Scats and Tracks of the Great Lakes will help you determine which mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians have passed your way and could still be nearby. Clearly written descriptions and illustrations of scats, tracks, and gait patterns will help you recognize seventy Great Lakes species. An identification key, a glossary of tracking terms, and detailed instructions on how to document your finds are also included here. Easy-to-use scat and track measurements appear on each page, making this book especially field friendly and letting you know if a white tailed ptarmigan, a red fox, or even a black bear has been your way.

Tracking and the Art of Seeing: How to Read Animal Tracks and Sign by Paul Rezendes (Collins Reference, 1999)

In this newly revised and updated edition of his highly acclaimed field guide, renowned nature photographer and tracking expert Paul Rezendes brings the fields and forests to life with his unique observations on North American wildlife and their tracks and sign. Illustrated with hundreds of his original photographs, *Tracking & the Art of Seeing* provides complete information on the behavior and habitat of over 50 animal species and shows you how to identify animals by their tracks, tail patterns, droppings, dens, scratches and other signs.

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