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Making Tracks

An animal track is an imprint left behind in the ground by an animal's foot. It can tell us all different kinds of things; how big the animal is, which way it was moving, how fast it was travelling and most important, which animal left it behind.



Hooves, Paws or Pigeon toes?



Can you work out which tracks have been left by animals with hooves, paws or pointy-toed bird feet?

Hooves leave a heart shaped print, sometimes with a small round heel at the back.

Paws leave toes and a rounded pad in their print. Sometimes you can see claws at the tips of the toes. A rabbits back feet leave long oval prints.

Birds leave different types of point toed prints. Perching birds have four toes and wading birds have three toes.