



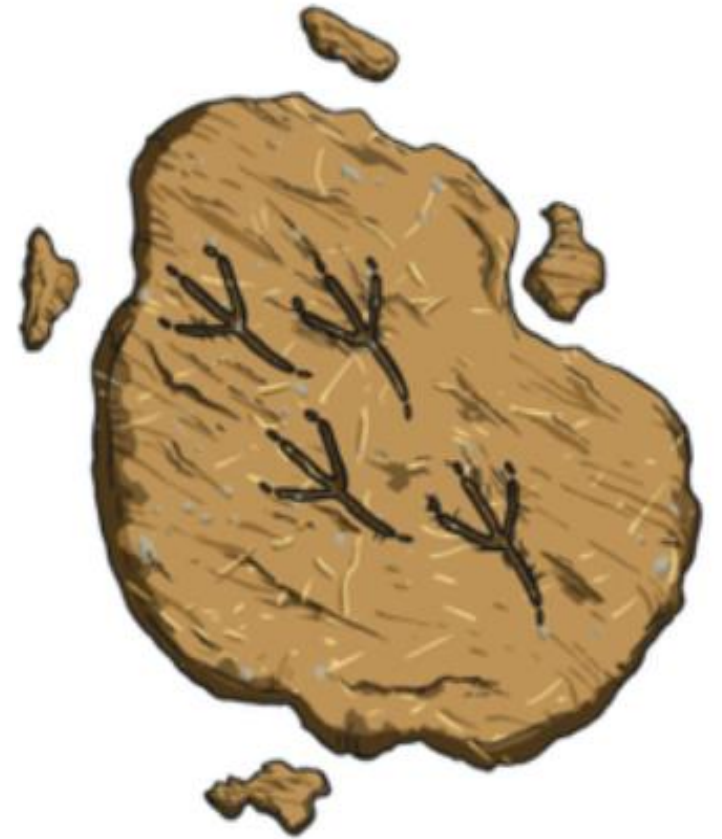
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Making Tracks



Animal tracks are left behind when an animal walks through wet mud, damp sand or even snow. Each type of animal has a different footprint which helps us find out what has walked by.

This makes for the perfect scavenger hunt when out walking.

Here are some common animal tracks to look out for. Which ones will you spot?

I Spy with my little eye...



Grouse grey Heron Chicken Roe Person Fox Hare



Hedgehog Badger Dog Cat Goose Pig



Crow Mouse Horse Squirrel Sparrow Deer



Pigeon Frog Otter Turkey Partridge Mole Shrew



Woodpecker Pheasant Heron Person Owl Otter

Expert Explorers:

It takes years of experience to become an expert tracker, and a good one can tell not only which animals have been around, but also what they have been doing.

It's a great skill for really getting to know nature and improving your powers of observation. Cats have retracting claws so they don't leave claw prints, but dogs and foxes do.

Try learning to identify the tracks without using a picture guide to really hone your skills!

ACTIVITY:

Set up a shallow sand tray in your garden with a little food on a dish in the centre and see who pops by.

Seeds are perfect for birds and cat food is a safe tasty treat for hedgehogs!