

Pre-Class and Post-Class Activities

Tracks & Trails

Note: The following discussions are completely optional and are not required for participation in the Tracks & Trails class. This information is provided as ways to build on this class and to be used at your discretion.

Pre-Class Discussions:

We will be discussing the different animal tracks and how to identify them. Have kids make a list of which animals have one toe, two toes, three toes, etc.

Post Class Discussions:

We have discussed how to identify different mammal families using their tracks. Have kids draw pictures of tracks they see on their way home, in their yard or on vacation OR take pictures of tracks they see. Bring these into class and see if the kids can identify them.

IDEA: Each week you can draw a track on the board and give points for who gets it right – have them think out of the box by putting up tracks of a man pushing a wheelbarrow or a three legged cat walking.

IDEA: Find a dry/dusty area (baseball fields are great) and have a couple of the kids in the class walk through in their shoes. Have the class try to figure out the shoe patterns of the class to figure out who walked in the dirt.