



STORIES in the SNOW



COMMON TRACKS

Whether you're in the woods or your own backyard, there's a good chance you will see one of these common tracks. See if you can match the tracks pictured here with the correct animal (answers below).

1. TURKEY



2. RABBIT



3. MOUSE



4. FOX



5. DEER



6. GRAY SQUIRREL



A fresh snowfall is lots of fun—forts, snowball fights, and snow angels! Nature heroes get excited about snow, too. A fresh dusting gives young explorers a glimpse into animal adventures happening right in your neighborhood.

Grab your winter gear, head out after a fresh snowfall, and look for animal tracks. All you need to be a wildlife tracker is:

1. A simple field guide (you can start by using this page)
2. A ruler to measure the size of each track and the distance between sets of tracks (this helps you figure out whose track it is!)
3. A field journal to write down your observations
4. A camera to take photos of tracks you see (remember to place a ruler or small object next to the tracks in your photos so you can tell how big they really are)
5. A sense of adventure—you never know where the tracks will lead you!

ON THE GO OR MOVING SLOW

If the set of tracks are close together, the animal was probably walking. When there's more space between a set of tracks, that animal was probably moving faster.

