



# Tracks in the Snow, Sand, or Mud

Explore your neighborhood, local park, or a nearby wildlife sanctuary to look for animal tracks in the snow, mud, or sand. Move like different animals and get creative making your own track patterns.

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## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Proper outdoor winter clothing that will keep you warm and dry
- Optional: a basic track guide
  - Mass Audubon's [Stories in the Snow Activity Page](#)
  - Mass Wildlife's [Pocket Guide to MA Animal Tracks](#)
- Optional: cardboard and string to design your own prints to attach to your shoes

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Visit an outdoor space with snow, mud or sand.
2. Search for tracks left by animals and people. Use a basic guide to identify tracks, and draw some of the shapes you find using a stick as your pencil and the snow as your paper.
3. Become a nature detective to investigate track mysteries, or use your imagination to create your own exciting track story.
4. Pretend to be a rabbit hopping, a deer carefully walking, or try waddling like a skunk or raccoon. How does your track pattern change as you try walking like each animal? Scarves and mittens make great tails and paws to help you get into character.
5. Try following a set of tracks made by someone else. Make this into a game by asking a family member to hide nearby, and see if you can follow their tracks to find their secret hiding spot.
6. Use your feet to create drawings in the snow with your own tracks.
7. Design prints on cardboard and attach to your boots to make some creative tracks in the snow.