



# TRACKS IN WINTER

When it snows, all the invisible comings and goings of your neighbors—both animals and humans—suddenly appear. With a little detective work, you can figure out a lot from these clues.

Check out footprints in your neighborhood to see what stories they tell. What if there's no snow?

You can still follow tracks in mud or sand.

## Keep a Record!

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Weather \_\_\_\_\_

## Helpful Things to Take Along

Ruler

Field guides such as:

• Mammal Tracks and Scat by Lynn Levine

• Wild Tracks by Jim Aronosky

1. When you find some tracks, draw them below. Here are a few things to look for:

- Shape of the track
- Number of toes
- Claw marks (if there are any)

It might also be helpful to measure the tracks with a ruler.

2. Use a field book to identify each set of tracks. Write each animal's name next to its tracks.

3. Follow one set of tracks.

- Where did the tracks go?

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- What do you think the animal was doing?

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4. On the back of this sheet, draw a map of where the tracks went. Add notes about what you noticed.

