

Track Identification

Cat

- 4 toes on each foot
- round tracks
- no claw marks
- hind paws narrower



Rabbit

- 4 toes on each foot
- oval tracks
- front of skid has claw marks
- almost impossible to see pads



Dog, Fox, Coyote

(Dog family)

- 4 toes on each foot
- tracks maple leaf shaped or egg shaped
- claw marks appear
- front feet larger



Raccoon

- 5 toes on each foot
- toes close together
- toes long and finger shaped
- claw marks appear



Opossum

- 5 toes on each foot
- toes spread widely
- toes long and finger shaped
- no claw mark on hind thumbs



Weasel, Skunk, Mink

(Weasel Family)

- 5 toes on each foot
- toes close together
- toes short and round
- some partially webbed



Deer

- 2 toes on each foot
- front feet show dew claws
- hind feet step in fore feet tracks



Mice, Squirrels, etc.

(Rodent Family)

- 4 toes on front feet, 5 toes on hind feet
- tracks are paired when bounding
- size of track is important in separating species
- may leave tail mark



Walking Gaits

Pace (Raccoon)

Move both left feet together,
then both right feet



Bound (Weasel Family)

Move both front feet together,
then both hind feet
Place hind feet behind front feet



Diagonal Walk (Dog Family, Cat, Deer, Opossum)

Left front, right hind, right
front, left hind



Gallop (Rodent Family, Rabbit)

Move both feet together, then
move both hind feet
Place hind feet ahead of front feet

