

Whose Tracks?

Content:

Prints can be used to track animals through the woods for many purposes. The animals pictured below are all native to Virginia. Virginia Indians, and later English colonists, hunted white-tailed deer, squirrels, rabbits, turkeys, and other animals for food.

Did you know that the words for raccoon and opossum are Algonquian words? That is because these animals were new to the English and they didn't have a word for them.








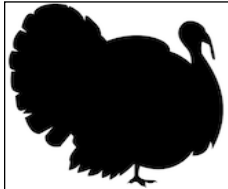


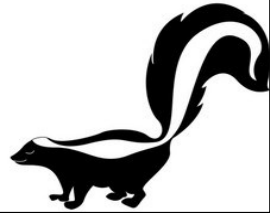
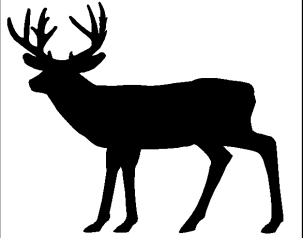


Activity:

Can you guess which animal left which track? Match the track to the animals below.

Extend the Experience:

Take a walk along a trail to see if you can find prints of animals along the way. Check off the prints you find. If you see prints that don't match these, draw them on the back and research to find what animal it could be.

Writing prompt: Using one of these animals, write a story about the founding of Jamestown or the siege of Yorktown from the perspective of the animal.

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1. Turkey	2. Rabbit	3. Opossum	4. Striped Skunk	5. White-tailed Deer	6. Grey Squirrel	7. Raccoon