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Wildlife Walk

Students will use their observation skills to identify signs of wildlife.

 Wildlife Walk Checklist, Nature Journal, binoculars, camera, ID guide, printable track sheet (all optional)

 Grades: all  Variable  Activity sheet included

Introduction

One of nature's services we can all tap into is "education and inspiration". We can wonder, and be amazed by the biodiversity that is all around us. However, wildlife do not always cooperate by standing out in the open for us to enjoy. This means we need to use our observation skills to look extra closely at our surroundings. Ready to do some wildlife detective work? Let's go!

Activity

1. Head out to your backyard or further afar with your family on a wildlife walk.

- Slow down, look closely.
- Get down on all fours and see what you notice that you might have missed from standing height.
- Look up! See what might be happening on and in the trees you see on your Wildlife walk.

2. While you are out on your wildlife walk consider the following questions:

- **Who:** Who left this track? Or scat?
- **What:** What was the animal doing?

- **When:** When was it here?
- **Where:** Where was it going? Where did it come from?
- **Why:** Why was it here?
- **How:** How would it feel to be this animal, to see through its eyes?

Additional Resources

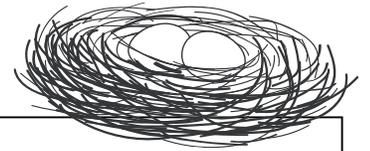
To help you identify what wildlife have been around use this animal **track identification sheet**.

See page two for a handy checklist that includes things you may see and will help you track your discoveries.

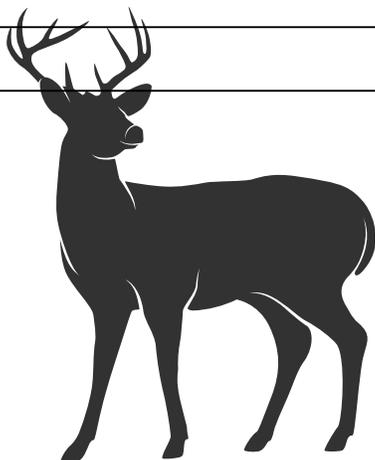
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Wildlife Walk Scavenger Hunt



Wildlife Sign	✓	What animal do you think made this?
Hole in a tree		
Tunnel in the earth		
Hoof print		
Paw print		
Patterns on a tree trunk		
Nest in a tree		
Bark rubbed off a tree		
Nibbled branches on a shrub		
A pile of needles or leaves		
Bits of bark on the ground near a tree		
A path on the ground		
A pile of pinecone parts		
Scat: small pellets of poop		
Scat: long thin logs of poop		
Scat: tiny little pellets of poop		
Hair on a tree		
A feather		
Hair on a fence or on the ground		
Bed on the ground (flattened grass or shrubs)		
A bone		
An antler		



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