

TRACKS & SIGNS

RACCOON

PRINT DESCRIPTION

Size: Front Tracks 2 ½" / Hind Tracks 4"

Raccoon footprints look like small hands with five finger-like toes on both the front and hind feet. Sometimes, you can see their small claws in the tracks. To differentiate left and right tracks, their innermost toe is the smallest and towards the rear of the foot. Almost like the thumb of our hand. Their foot pads leave bow shapes in the prints and their hind tracks have distinctive, elongated heel pads compared to their front ones.



Raccoons have an unusual way of walking. The pattern of the tracks reflects this unique walking gait where front and hind tracks from opposite sides of the body register next to one another.

PATTERN OF TRACKS

Waddlers: Animals with this pattern tend to walk by moving one side of the body then the other. Other animals that move using this pattern include skunks, porcupines, beavers, black bears, opossums, woodchucks, and muskrats.

OTHER SIGNS

- Raccoon scat looks like small dog droppings, usually dark and tubular with blocky ends. Raccoons are omnivorous and their scat can vary greatly in color and consistency depending on their diet.
- Raccoons tend to go to the bathroom in the same area and caution should be used around raccoon scat because it can contain parasitic roundworms, which can cause harm to humans if inhaled.

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