

TRACKS & SIGNS

SKUNK

PRINT DESCRIPTION

Size: About 1 ½" long and 1 ¼" wide
(hind tracks are a bit longer than front tracks)

Skunks have five, rounded toes on both their front and hind feet. Their hind feet are identifiable because of the enlarged heel pad that appears long and rectangular-shaped in the imprint. Also, their front feet have longer claws than their hind feet, which leave small dots well ahead of the toes on the front tracks. To tell the left from the right tracks, look for the inner toe, it is the smallest one!



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 raccoons, porcupines, beavers, black bears, opossums, woodchucks, and muskrats. Sometimes, skunks switch their normal walking pattern to a long bounding stride, if they need to travel across open expanses.

OTHER SIGNS

Besides their tracks, skunks leave other signs that can indicate their presence. Skunks have long claws on their front feet because they forage by digging. It is common to find small holes dug out by skunks along their tracks. Skunks also spray their musk to mark their territory, which can give away their presence. Finally, you can look for skunk scat, it can vary in shape but is usually tubular with blunt ends and a smooth surface.