

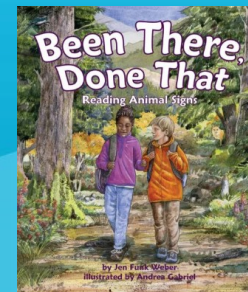


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INVESTIGATION CARD

Often we do not see animals in nature, but we see signs they were there. Using the **animal track ID sheet** in your backpack, notice the difference between the different tracks. Next go outside and search for animal tracks, areas of mud, bare dirt, or sand are especially good places to look. This may best be done a day or two after it rains because the tracks will be easier to see. Once you find an animal track try to draw it in your **journal!** Use the track ID sheet to try to identify what animal was there. Also, use the **measuring tape** to measure the track marks and the distance between prints. What other information can you find? What other signs might indicate an animal is nearby? How many different sets of tracks can you find on your walks?

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