

Identifying Paw Prints

Do you know who some of your visiting friends are?



Coyote



Fisher



Raccoon



Gray Fox



Housecat



Cottontail Rabbit



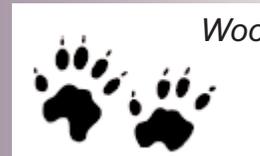
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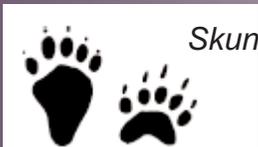
White-Tailed deer



Dog



Woodchuck



Skunk



Gray Squirrel



Whitefooted Mouse



Red Fox



Crow

By now it is no great mystery that human beings and wild animals are coexisting in close living proximity. But aren't you a little curious to know just WHO has been frolicking around your backyard while you are not watching it?

If we take the proper precautions to keep our pets, our children and ourselves aware and safe from uninvited four-legged guests, perhaps we can relax just enough to think about the fascinating aspects of sharing the world with some of these walks of wildlife!

While our tolerance for this cold winter weather is diminishing, truth be told, observing animal prints is much easier with snow on the ground... nonetheless, dirt, mud and sand provide a measurably sufficient surface for distinguishing animal tracks. Perhaps by identifying these tracks, we can better become acquainted with from where these animals are coming... and to where these animals are going.

Still, while we may be curious, we still need to remember that wild animals are unpredictable and as well may carry disease. Safety comes first! Don't approach any wild animals on your own despite how tame they may appear to be. Continue to call your Animal Control Officer with any problems or questions. And, certainly, if you capture any pictures of our Hull wildlife, please send them in!!!!

