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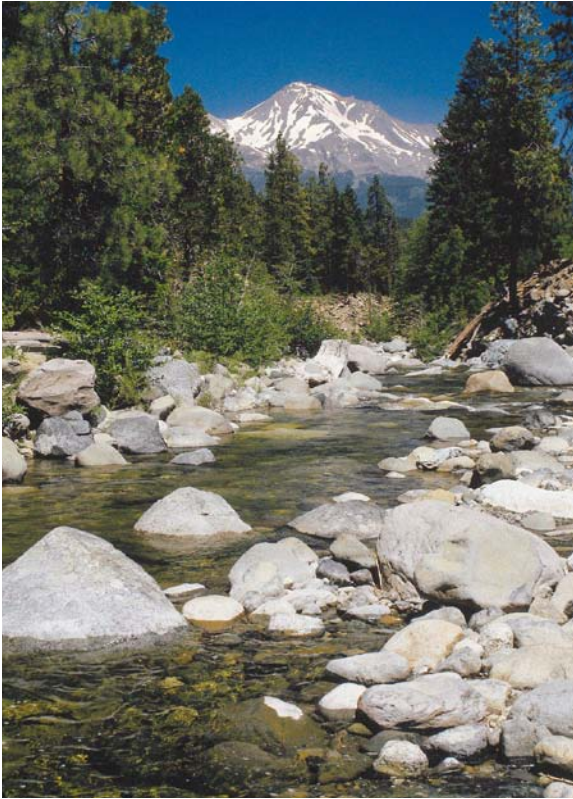
Animal Visitors

How do we know whether
an animal has visited a place?

One way we know is because it may
leave tracks, or marks in the soil.

Tracks show where the animal's
body has touched the ground.

Let's find out who has visited us today!



Large Animals

A large animal that likes honey made these tracks.

This animal is a good climber.

It has strong **claws** for digging up plants, and it eats animals, too.

Can you guess who it is?





A black bear made these tracks.
Black bears sleep all winter and
wake up hungry in the spring.



A large animal with **hooves** made these tracks.

This animal can eat ten pounds of leaves, bark, and twigs each day.

Can you guess who it is?



A deer made these tracks.

Male deer grow **antlers** in the spring and **shed** them in late winter.

Baby deer have spots that disappear when they grow up.



A large, strong cat made these tracks.
This hunter runs fast and jumps far.
It eats other animals, such as deer,
birds, and rabbits.
Can you guess who it is?



A mountain lion made these tracks.
Adult mountain lions live alone
most of the time.
Babies must learn to hunt before
they can leave their mothers.



Small Animals

A smart bird made these tracks.

It has a **curved** beak and sharp claws.

It hunts at night and eats many kinds of animals.

Can you guess who it is?



An owl made these tracks.

It has large yellow eyes
and can see well in the dark.

It makes a noise called a *hoot*.



A small animal made these tracks.
Its tail made the line between
the **footprints**.

This animal must run very fast
to escape being eaten.

Can you guess who it is?



A mouse made these tracks.
Mice are food for owls, snakes,
and other animals.
But this one got away!



Whose
tracks are
these?



Many Kinds of Tracks

Each kind of animal has its
own special tracks.



Look for tracks when you are in nature.
Have fun finding out who has been
visiting!

Glossary

antlers	horn-like growths on the head of deer and some other large animals (p. 8)
claws	sharp nails on the end of an animal's fingers or toes (p. 5)
curved	not straight (p. 11)
footprints	marks made by feet on the ground (p. 13)
hooves	the hard parts of the feet of some animals, such as horses and deer (p. 7)
shed	to lose (p. 8)

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