

Mammal Evidence

Bare trees and snowy ground make winter one of the best times of year to catch a glimpse into the lives of our animal neighbors. Tracks and chews tell their stories. During your hike, take some time to search for clues left behind by the mammals who call this place home.



☐ Chewed pinecone



☐ Chewed acorn



☐ Animal hole



☐ Squirrel tracks



☐ Squirrel nest (from summer)



☐ Hollow tree for winter den



☐ Scat



☐ Deer-chewed branch

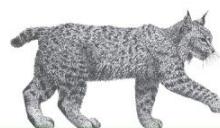


☐ Deer scrape

Activities you can do on your own:

- Hang some peanuts or homemade pine cone feeders from a clothesline to make a squirrel obstacle course.
- See how close you can get to a chipmunk or squirrel. Place some acorns or nuts on the ground and sit nearby for at least 15 minutes.
- Find a set of animal tracks and follow them. Can you tell the animal's story?
- Use clay or cardboard to create your own winter wildlife scene based on your hike.

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