

Animal Autographs

Program Outline

Welcome and Introduction

Behavioral Guidelines for visit:

- We are in the animals' neighborhood
- Stay on trails with your group unless taken off trails with class activity
- Leave flowers and plants for animals (don't pick anything)
- Pick up trail treasures to enjoy on-site, but no collecting (leave everything, including feathers)

Introduction to Animal Autographs

Animal Autographs are things animals leave behind. Looking at animal autographs can give us clues about how and where animals live.

Tracks

Tracks are a great way to learn about animals without interfering in their daily activities.

Place (What kind of setting are the tracks found in?)

Prints (track size and shape)

Pattern (arrangement of tracks)

Rotations

1. Animal Autograph Game

Students will explore the many artifacts that animals leave behind at the nature center through an interactive game.

2. Nature Walk

Students will walk the nature center trails (weather permitting) looking for evidence of wildlife.

3. Track Keys

Students will make and take their very own track key as they learn about keys and field guides that scientists use to identify wildlife.

Topics are covered by varying degrees depending upon the maturity of students and time constraints.