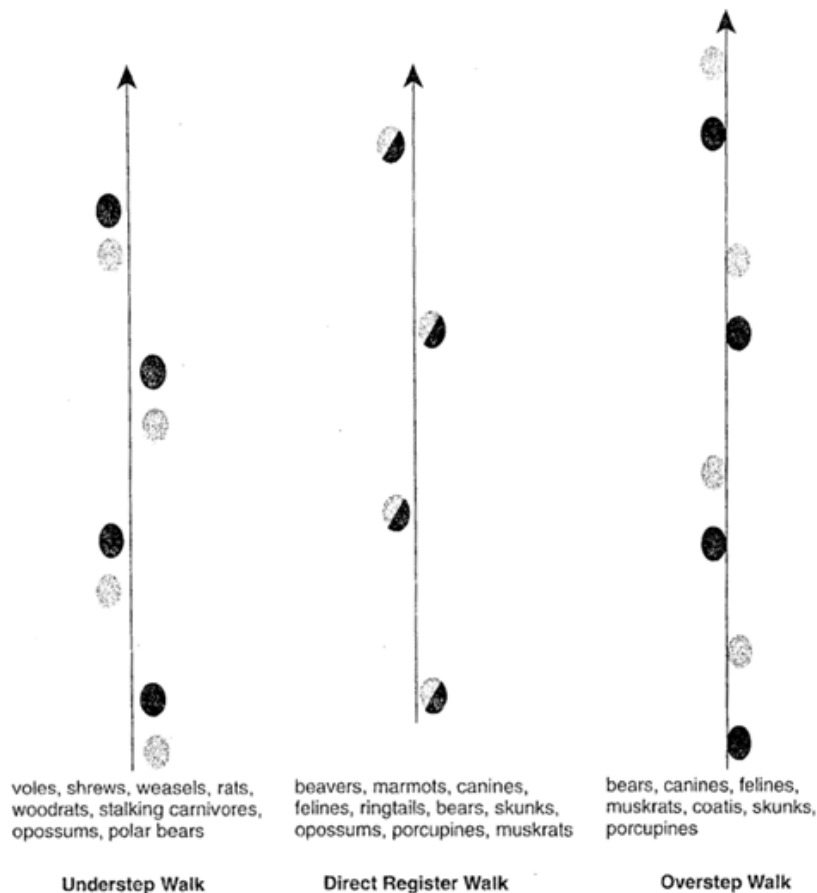


Analyzing Animal Tracks

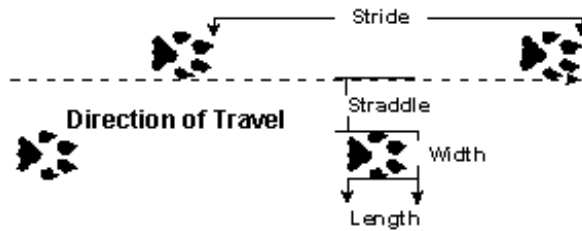
1. Preferred Gait: How did the animal walk?



2. Number of toes: Look closely at the track- how many toes does the animal have?

- 2-toed tracks are often deer or elk.
- 3-toed tracks may be birds.
- 4-toed tracks could be rabbits, cats (mountain lions, bobcats), or dogs (foxes, coyotes).
- 5-toed tracks are weasels, skunks, and beavers.
- 5 rear toes and 4 front toes are mice, voles, shrews, chipmunks, squirrels, or porcupines.

3. Measure the track in centimeters and record what you find! The size can tell you what animal it is.



Length of footprints in *centimeters*:

Front foot: _____ Rear foot: _____

Width of track:

Front foot: _____ Rear foot: _____

Measurement of Straddle: _____

Measurement of Stride: _____

Sketch the track (footprint and pattern):

4. What animal do you think made these tracks?