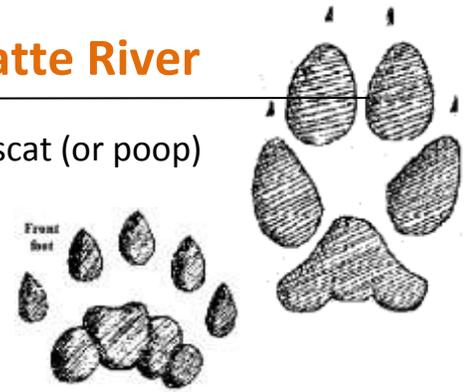


Signs Animals Leave Behind Along the Platte River

Animal tracks and other signs that animals leave behind, such as scat (or poop) can be found anywhere, but they are most commonly found at edges of habitat, such as where a field meets a woodland edge, along a road or trail, or near water like along the banks of a river, like the Platte.



As an Ace Animal Detective, your mission is to find the following clues, or signs, that animals have been living, eating, sleeping and pooping near the Platte River. Once you find a clue, draw or sketch what you found next to the example images.

1. Animal Scat (or poop)(not the coin)



2. Signs of an animal's home or place to sleep. Examples may include things like:

Deer Bed



Muskrat lodge (hut)



3. Find an animal Track (can you figure out what animal made the track you found?)



5. See if you can find fur, hair or bones or other clues that an animal has been living here.
Draw or write down what you found.



This is an old jaw bone from a deer

4. Signs of animal chewing or eating (this chew was from a beaver). Other examples can be twigs chewed by rabbits, or partially eaten prey items.



6. Now, find some signs that humans have been in the area.

Write down or draw the sign you found:

What do you think the humans were doing?

Are humans animals?