



Learn-to Camp
Parks Canada

Tracking Wildlife: **pre-workshop activity**



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Instructions for the teacher

Hello,

It is not always easy to spot animals during a nature outing. Many hide from humans and each other in fear for their own safety. Yet observing them in the wild is still possible, and with a little luck and some knowledge, you can too! By studying the different tracks left by wildlife and learning to recognize their significance, you stand a much better chance of catching a glimpse of the wonderful creatures that animate our fields and forests. That's why Parks Canada's Learn-to Adventure team invites you to take part in their Tracking Wildlife interactive workshop taking place on January 18, 2023, at 1:15 p.m..

To help prepare your class for this workshop (and by extension, your students for their next nature outing), we have provided a series of worksheets that will allow students to learn more about some of the most active mammals in Quebec during the winter. By completing these worksheets, your students will increase their knowledge of wildlife and will be equipped to answer the quiz questions during the class versus class trivia competition during the January presentation.

For each worksheet, have students select an animal and cut out its matching photo and track, then glue it to the corresponding page. Then, they are asked to research their chosen animal and find the missing information in order learn about its physical characteristics, its diet and its distribution on the territory.

All together, the package contains eight different worksheets. We suggest that you divide the class into small groups and hand out one or two sheets per team. Once they are completed, invite each team to share the results of their research with their classmates so that all students can actively participate in the interactive quiz.

To get you started on your research, we invite you to consult the Canadian Wildlife Federation's Hinterland Who's Who website at <https://www.hww.ca/fr/>. Here, you will find all the information you need to complete this activity and more!

We hope that this preparatory activity will allow your students to learn more about the wildlife of Quebec and Canada. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, comments or suggestions; we are always listening to your needs and are committed to providing you with an excellent experience with our École en réseau workshops.

Sincerely,

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