

Utah Wetland Animal Footprints Art Activity

There are many different animals that call wetlands in Utah their home. You might have just learned about North American River Otters, but if you were to travel to a wetland right now, you could see a wide variety of animals!

To learn a little bit more about these animals, let's do a craft!



Make Your Own Animal Footprints

In order to create footprints like those of Utah Wetland animals, you will need these materials:

1. Sponges
2. Sharpie or other marker
3. Cardboard (not pictured)
4. Glue
5. Paint
6. Scissors (not pictured)
7. Paper (not pictured)
8. Paintbrush, optional (not pictured)



Instructions

1. Begin by deciding which foot print you would like to draw (see figures A-F)
2. Draw the footprint with your Sharpie or marker on a sponge (see figure G)
3. Cut out your footprint and glue it to a piece of cardboard (see figure H)
4. Dip your footprint sponge into some paint (see figure I)
5. Press painted side of sponge onto blank paper and enjoy your animal footprints! (see figure J)



Figure A - North American River Otter

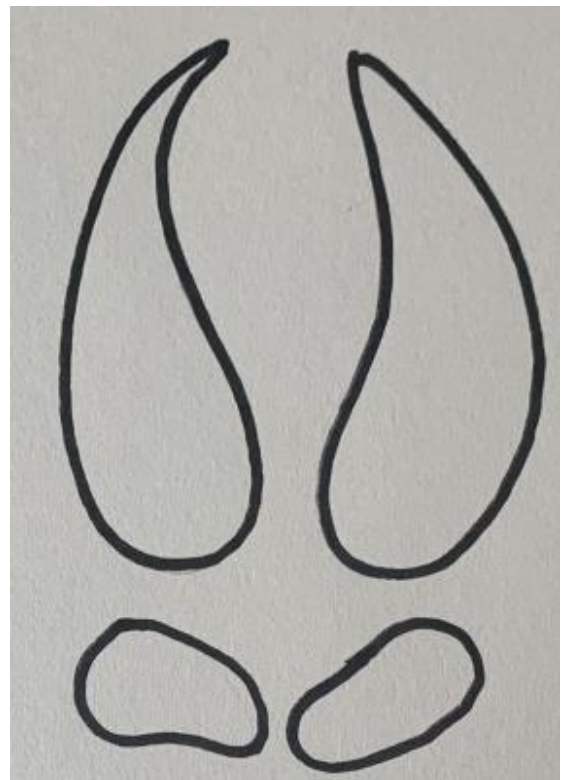


Figure B - Moose



Figure C - Bullfrog



Figure D - Beaver



Figure E - Red Fox

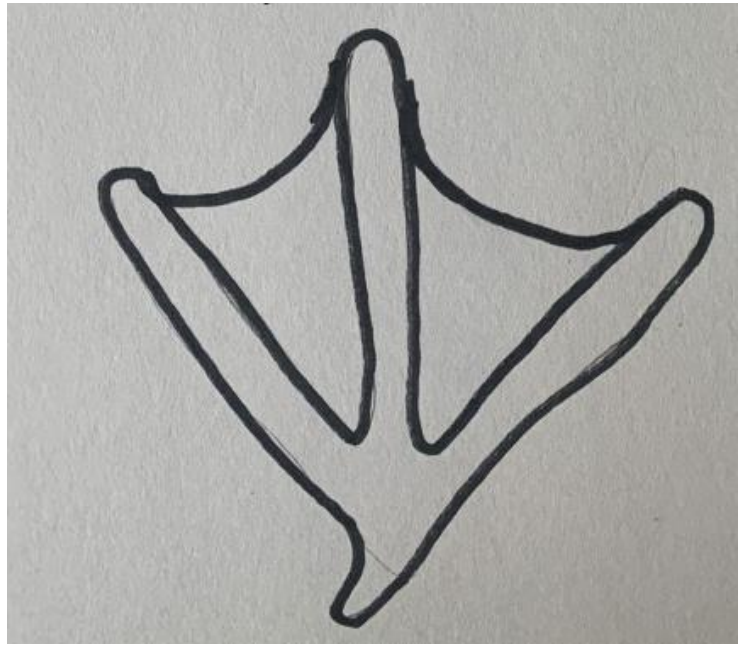


Figure F - Wood Duck



Figure G - footprints drawn on the sponges



Figure H - cut out footprints glued on cardboard



Figure I - dipping sponge on cardboard into paint



Figure J - animal footprints on paper



Did you know?

- River otters can hold their breath for up to 8 minutes
- Young Wood Ducks will jump from the nest to the ground - that can be a 60 foot fall
- Bullfrogs can jump up to 6 feet
- Red Foxes can have as many as 20 different vocalizations
- Moose antlers can be 6 feet wide
- Beavers are the largest living rodents in the world