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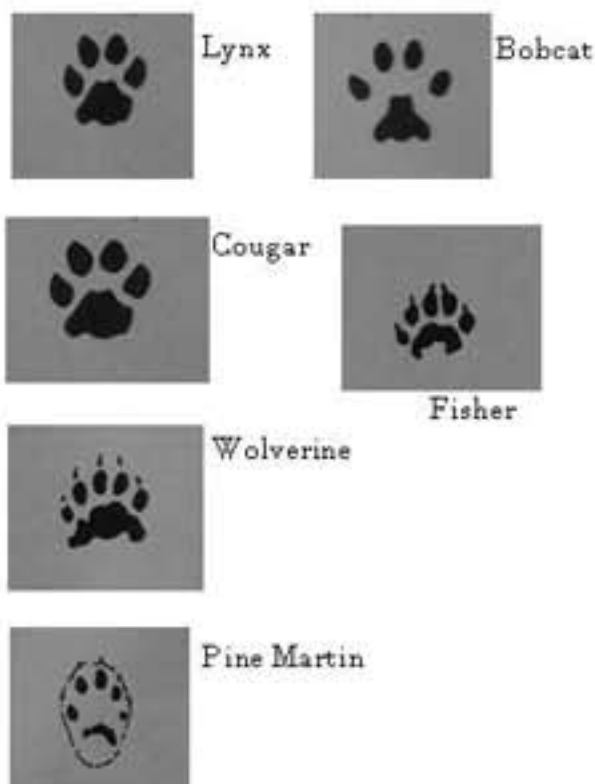
- Look out for Wildlife Tracks
- Learn how to identify the animal tracks in your area
- If you see tracks take two photographs showing:
 - 1) An upclose of the print
 - 2) The gait/stride over a distance

Lay something down for scale
- Mark the location with your GPS or be able to identify the coordinates on a map
- Take note of any worthy features nearby e.g. den or food
- Report your find to Jenny by email at trax4tracks@rosslandrange.org or phone 250 362 7474

Some tracks to look for...

Lynx	Weasel
Cougar	Mountain Goat
Bobcat	Bear (start and end of ski season)
Wolverine	
Fisher	
Martin	

Some examples of tracks



The Rossland Range is home to a range of wildlife species such as deer, moose, grizzly bear, lynx, wolverine, and more. There are very few places in the world that still have their full suite of native carnivores; Rossland and the West Kootenays is one of those places.

The Rossland Range is a significant area for several species that migrate and disperse as they search for food, mates, and new home ranges.

Some of these species are highly sensitive and their populations have been drastically reduced from levels once seen. Grizzly bears and wolverines require large spaces in areas that see little human activity. They are being threatened by habitat loss and fragmentation such as caused by roads and human development.

By knowing how these animals use their habitat, we can learn to use the land, in a way that causes the least impacts to them.



Trax FoRR Tracks Project



Wolverine Tracks



Bobcat Track



Lynx Track



Grizzly Bear, Cougar, and Squirrel Tracks

Things to consider when identifying tracks:

- General shape
- Padded or not (like a cat)
- The number of toes on the front versus the hind track
- Presence of claw marks
- Width and length of track
- Pattern of trail - symmetrical, asymmetrical, single file, grouped

This project will help facilitate environmental stewardship of the Rossland Range. It will educate users about the wildlife we share these mountains with. It will provide a fun activity for families to engage in while out on their skis. Your findings will provide critical data needed to give direction to management that ensures the long term persistence of these ecological values.

HONK FOR THE BIRDS

On winter roads **watch out** for Pine Siskens and Crossbills. They peck at the grit on the road to help aid in digestion of seeds.