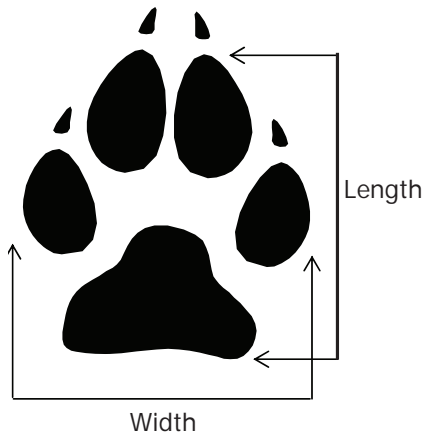


# Wolf Tracks

## Track Identification:

- claws evident
- general oval shape
- track is longer than wide
- 4 toes, symmetrical
- single lobe on the front of the main foot pad



### Wolf Front (without claws)

- length: 3.8-4.6"      width: 3.3-4.3"

### Wolf Hind (without claws)

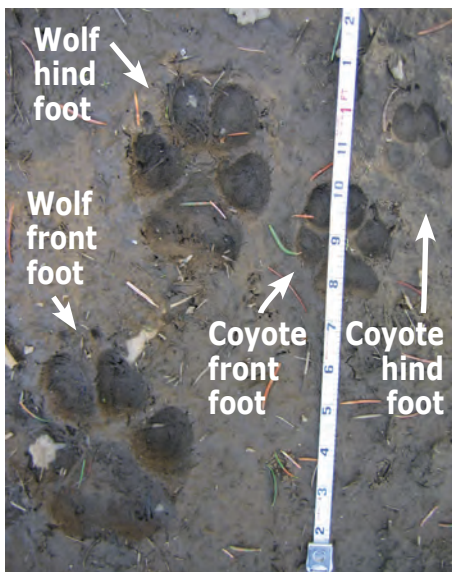
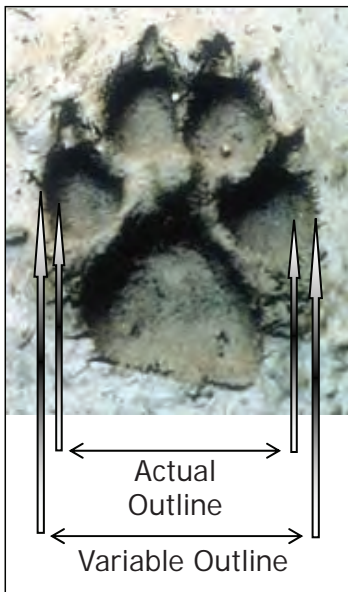
- length: 3.4-4.2"      width: 2.8-3.8"

### Measuring Tracks:

- measure the actual outline (inches)
- report length by width
- do not include claws
- measure several tracks

### NOTE:

Take into account the substrate. Soft mud or melted snow may make the foot size appear larger than it really is. Attempt to record the actual outline by measuring the bottom of the track.



**NOTE:**  
Measurement with claws adds about 0.5" to length

Wolf and coyote tracks are often found together.

# Other tracks that may be confused for wolves

## Cougar Tracks

- generally no claws evident
- overall shape is round
- toes asymmetrical
- 2 lobes on front of main foot pad
- 3 lobes on back of main foot pad

### Cougar Front

- length: 3-4"
- width: 3-4"
- round



## Domestic Dog (not pictured):

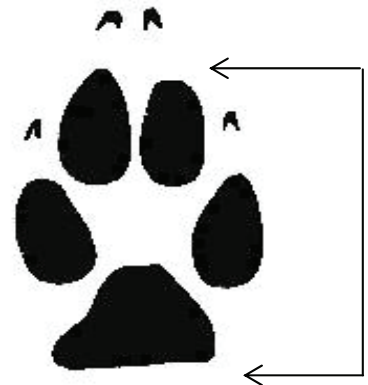
- similar to coyote and wolf
- vary greatly in size, but even large breeds often have smaller tracks than wolves
- travel path meanders around; route is not direct, energy efficient, or purposeful
- human tracks usually nearby

## Coyote Track

- similar in proportion to wolf, but much smaller
- claws evident

### Coyote Front (measurement without claws)

- length: 2-2.8"
- width: 2-2.4"
- oval



Report wolf activity online at <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wolves/>