



Tracking

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*This is **preliminary information** taken from the original merit badge requirements and subject to change for the Historic Merit Badge program.*

Tracking is one of four Historic Merit Badges reintroduced during 2010 for the BSA Centennial celebration.

Some additional restrictions include:

- Scouts must start and complete all merit badge work after Jan. 1, 2010 and before Dec. 31, 2010.
- The merit badge will count towards rank advancement.
- A new patch design will be created that resembles that displayed here.
- Final requirements will be available online by the end of January 2010, no merit badge pamphlets will be printed.

Requirements for the Tracking merit badge:

1. Demonstrate by means of stalking game or otherwise, ability to stalk skillfully in shelter and wind, etc., when occasion demands.
2. Know and recognize the tracks of ten different kinds of animals or birds in his vicinity, three of which may be domestic.
3. Submit satisfactory evidence that he has trailed two different kinds of wild animals or birds on ordinary ground far enough to determine the direction in which they were going, and their gait or speed. Give names of animals or birds trailed, their direction of travel, and describe gait and speed; or submit satisfactory evidence that he has trailed six different kinds of wild animal or birds in snow, sand, dust or mud, far enough to determine the direction in which they were going, and their gait or speed. Give names of animals or birds trailed, their direction of travel, and describe gait and speed.
4. Submit evidence that he has scored at least 30 points from the following groups: [Group (f) and 4 of the 5 groups (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) must be represented in the score of 30 and at least 7 points must be scored from (a), (b), or (c)].

Make a clear photograph of:

- a. Live bird away from nest - 4 points
- b. Live woodchuck or smaller wild animal - 3 points
- c. Live wild animal larger than woodchuck - 4 points
- d. Live bird on nest - 3 points
- e. Tracks of live wild animal or bird - 2 points
- f. Make satisfactory plaster cast of wild animal or bird tracks with identification imprint on back of each - 2 points

There is no worksheet available for this merit badge.