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Wolverines are a rare carnivore that inhabit backcountry areas in the Rockies. Please document, take pictures, and report your sightings and tracks to expand much needed knowledge of this remarkable species.



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Identifying & Reporting Wolverine Sign

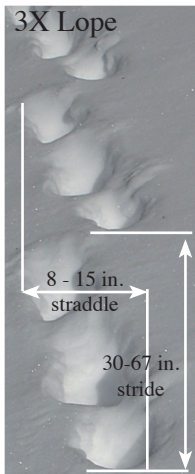
Characteristics of a wolverine print:

- 5 toes (fifth toe not always present)
- ~ 3 1/2-4 in. wide and ~ 4 1/2 in. long including claws & metacarpal print
- chevron-shaped interdigital pad
- metacarpal print (not always present)
- 2x or 3x loping gait (see illustration)



If you see a wolverine track:

- Photograph it! Photograph individual prints and gait patterns. Make sure to include something for scale, such as a pen, a glove, etc.
- Measure or estimate size of individual prints (length, width) and distance between tracks (stride and straddle). See illustration below.
- Describe the track (holes in snow, scat, travel route, behavior, etc.).
- Note interesting environmental factors. Is there an ungulate carcass nearby? Are there obvious signs of other wildlife?
- Note time & date.
- Locate on map as precisely as possible; ideally, take a GPS point.



If you see a wolverine:
Report the sighting with as much information as possible: color & markings, location, heading, terrain, speed of travel, etc.

REPORT SIGHTINGS AND OBSERVATIONS on the relevant site:

WY: naturemappingjh.org/

Wolverine-Project.aspx

US: wolverinefoundation.org

Canada: wolverinewatch.org

