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WINTER WILDLIFE TRACKING WITH JAMES HALFPENNY, PH.D.

Montana is lucky enough to host populations of some rare and many not so rare wildlife species. Deep in the mountains lurk wolverine, marten, and fisher. Bobcats, mountain lions, and the rare Canada lynx crisscross the deep woods in search of prey. Wolves, coyotes, and foxes are especially active in winter. Rabbits, hares, grouse, squirrels, weasels, mice, and voles all keep busy in winter, leaving signs of their presence.

When there is snow on the ground, every creature moving across the land leaves a track. These tracks tell a story you can learn to read.

Jim Halfpenny, Ph.D., one of the world's leading experts in wildlife tracking, lives in Gardiner, on Yellowstone's doorstep, and offers a variety of classes for those interested in learning his art. Jim's Track Education Center and Museum makes a perfect base from which to venture out into the winter world and see who has been there before you.

Most of Jim's classes involve a modest amount of cross-country skiing or snowshoeing, along with a classroom component that may offer you a chance to make a plaster cast of a wolf or bear track. You can sign up for one of Jim's classes



Examining elk bed

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through the Yellowstone Association Institute. Call (307) 344-2294 or log onto www.YellowstoneAssociation.org/institute/fieldSeminars.aspx.

The Basic Snow Tracking class is offered January 19-21, 2007, course #104. You will stay at the Lamar Buffalo Ranch in the heart of Yellowstone Park's northern range, and learn directly from James Halfpenny. Discover just how much you can learn about an animal by the sign it leaves behind: behavior, habitat preference, health, sex, age, feeding habits, etc. There are endless stories written in the snow, waiting for you to read them.

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Making wax cast

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