

# 1 Pick a spot



**Where?** Pick a spot you are curious about, **anywhere in the Trondheim area**: your garden, your driveway, a park, a parking lot...

*Tip: Pick a spot that is **small enough that you can search the whole area.***

**When?** Anytime in **March and April!**

*Tip: You often see the most tracks a day or two after fresh snow.*

**Can I participate at more than one spot?** Absolutely!

**How often?** Once per spot is great – revisiting a few times is even better!

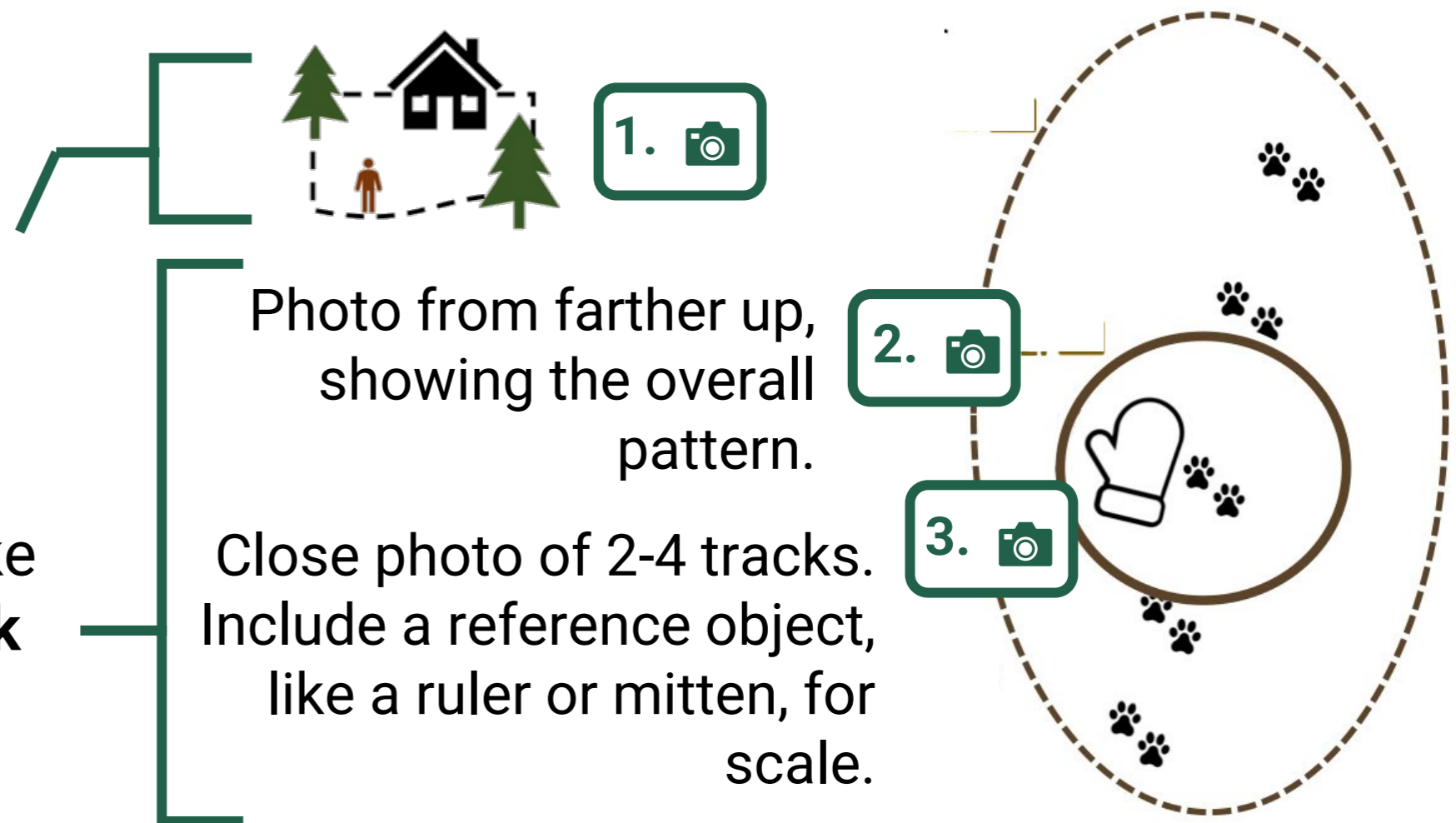
# 2 Search for tracks!



Take **one photo of the search area** to show the snow and weather conditions.



Search your spot for tracks. Take **two photos of each kind of track** that you find in the **whole area**.



# 3 Send in your data

**?** Did you see any tracks?

**Yes!**

**Not this time**

In this case, you have two small tasks:

In this case, you have just one task:

**First, upload your track photos to iNaturalist**

- If you don't know what animal made the tracks, no problem:
  - Try out our [interactive guide](#) to solve the track mystery.
  - If you still don't know, upload the photos without an ID – then other iNaturalist users can suggest an answer.
- If you know that the tracks are from a domestic animal or a bird, then you don't need to report them.
- Last step: report your hunt on the [track hunt data sheet](#)

**Whether you did or did not see tracks, answer a few quick questions and upload your search area photo in the [track hunt data sheet](#) after each hunt.**

**Hunts with no tracks are really important data too!**



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[Track hunt data sheet](#)



Register on our website so we can send you updates and thanks:



## Be a track detective: Learn to identify animal tracks

1. Use our [interactive guide](#), which prompts you through a series of simple questions and then suggests an ID.
2. Try out a [simple field guide](#) – we have links to some options on [our website](#).
3. **Dive deeper!** Visit our website for many recommended resources and field guides if you want to dig in deeper.



**And remember: it is totally fine to unidentified photos to iNaturalist.** Other iNaturalist users can recommend an identification for photos that you aren't sure of.

## FAQ

**Why participate in this project?** We want this project to be a fun way for everyone to learn about the animals that we are so lucky to have as neighbors here in Trondheim.

**How will the data be used?** The track photos will be on iNaturalist so that anyone can learn more about our wild neighbors. And once we have collected data from enough places, we at NTNU Gjørevoll Centre also plan to use the data to research how animals move through green spaces in the city.

**What if I can't identify animal tracks?** We want to help you learn! First give it a try with the resources named above. As a back-up, other iNaturalist users can contribute identifications. And ultimately, the data are useful even when we can't get a firm ID.

**Should I include tracks from domestic animals?** If you know it is from a domestic animal, then no. If you're not sure, include them just in case.

**Can I use Artsobservasjoner instead of iNaturalist?** Yes! We're happy to accept data from Artsobservasjoner. Just select «Artsobservasjoner» in the track hunt datasheet.

**Other questions?** Check our our website or send us an email: [jessica.larsson@ntnu.no](mailto:jessica.larsson@ntnu.no) & [caitlin.mandeville@ntnu.no](mailto:caitlin.mandeville@ntnu.no)

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