



SAVE THE DATE!

MAMMAL TRACKING WORKSHOP WITH JIM LOWERY AND MARY BOOKS *INCLUDING ADVANCED CONCEPTS AND PRACTICE*

Get ready for a 2^{1/2} day animal tracking workshop hosted by Jim Lowery and Mary Brooks of Earthskills and the San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society. If you are interested in attending, please save the dates and see below for more info!

November 10th – 12th, 2017

This weekend clinic is open to both novice trackers and those who have taken a previous tracking workshop with Jim and Mary. We will review and practice track identification techniques, but will also spend considerable time with advanced techniques that will aid field work, as described below.

WORKSHOP CONTENT

B=Basic skills

A=Advanced skills

1. (B) Review of mammal track identification (clear prints and track patterns)
2. (B) Field practice in track identification throughout the weekend as we find tracks
3. (B) Track ID practice with photos as necessary
4. (A) Marginal track (indistinct print) recognition and verification
5. (A) Gait & Track Pattern interpretation with field work, videos and photographs
6. (A) Interpretation of motion in tracks: pressure release studies
7. (A) Following and interpreting trails: field practice
8. (A) Habitat survey practice
 - i. Spot-checking a particular area
 - ii. Transects
 - iii. Track stations at particular locations
9. (A) Measuring of tracks, strides and pitch: examples for interpretation
10. (A) Track aging in variable substrates

The event will be held at River Ridge Ranch near Springville, CA. Cost TBD.
Please stay tuned for more information!

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