

# Follow the Digital Trail



**\* DID YOU KNOW ...**

Scientists who study animal trails and footprints are called ichnologists!

**Word Search**

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**\* WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

Can you put interesting and funny information online and still be appropriate?

## 1. Family Activity

Think together about three things that are OK to reveal on the Internet and three things that are not OK to reveal. Trace each of your feet on a piece of paper (one piece of paper for each foot). Write the things that are OKAY to reveal in one footprint and the things that are NOT OKAY to reveal in the other footprint. Then, tear up the page with the unacceptable things to remind yourself that those are not pieces of information you want saved as part of your digital footprint!

## 2. Tech It Up!

Together, use the Internet to find information about a favorite animal's footprints. Are they larger or smaller than yours? Remember that a footprint leaves an impression after the animal has walked away -- just like your digital footprint leaves a trail of everything you do online.

## 3. Common Sense Says ...

Some information is not appropriate to post on the Internet! Your interests, hobbies, and first name are examples of APPROPRIATE information. Your full name, address, and hurtful information about other are examples of INAPPROPRIATE information.

**\* DO YOU REMEMBER ...**  
 What it means to have a "digital footprint"?

