

Introduction to Tracking

“Learn the fundamentals of reading and identifying human and animal tracks; learn the habits and behaviors of local wildlife by studying their footprints and sign. Students will also learn the same tracking techniques practiced by the US Border Patrol and Canadian SAR personnel. Each class will feature an in classroom portion followed by one or two hands on exercises designed to improve the students natural awareness and reinforce learned theory. This class is meant to provide a broad overview of concepts allowing the student to prepare for entry into other EasternOPS tracking courses.”

Day 1

- Pattern Identification
 - Diagonal Walkers
 - Pacers/Parallel Walkers
 - Bounders
 - Gallopers
- How to measure a track
 - Walking stride
 - Width of gait
 - Straddle
 - Pitch
- Identifying Individual Signs
 - Male vs Female
 - Age
 - Weight
 - Head Direction
- Other types of sign
 - Trails
 - Runs
 - Beds and Lays
 - Confirmation/Hard sign
- Constructing a Tracking Kit
- Concentric Ring Theory
 - Kim's Game

Day 2

- Introduction to Man Tracking
 - The tracking stick and its uses
 - Using sun angle to identify and follow
 - How to develop proper distance
 - The three person hasty team
 - Track recognition, identification & recording
 - Profiling
- Introduction to Primary Pressure Releases
 - Introduction to basic pressure release patterns
 - Soil personalities
- How to construct a tracking box
 - Using the tracking box to accelerate learning
- Tracking for SAR/Law Enforcement
 - The TPE sequence
 - The art of stalking
 - Route finding
- Awareness building exercise

Course is approx. 2 days in length (8am to noon Sat & Sun)

Cost: \$84.99

- Students are to bring appropriate clothing, a safety whistle, and a sturdy sheath knife