

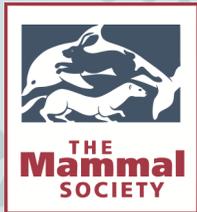
Get Involved

What is Walk This Water Way?

A Mammal Society project encouraging the public to record mammals along waterways using the Mammal Mapper app. Key species include otter, American mink and water vole, but records of all of the mammal species you encounter are valuable!

What to do

- Download Mammal Mapper
- 'Start Survey'
- Enter **WTWW** as the Survey ID.
- Walk 600m+ along a waterway
- Record any sightings or signs on the app
- Submit your survey!



For more information, please email app@themammalsociety.org or visit www.mammal.org.uk/volunteering/walk-this-water-way/

* Remember to remain safe and to be considerate of access rights along your walking route. *



Mammal Mapper

A free app from the Mammal Society for recording mammals in the UK.

The app includes helpful identification guides but if you aren't sure what you've found, you can add a photo and it will be verified by experts.

Scan the QR code below to download Mammal Mapper onto your device.



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WALK THIS WATER WAY



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Otter



Appearance

- Brown fur (appears darker when wet)
- Long, slender body; thick tapered tail
- Total body length: <1m



Tracks

- 5 arching toes (often only 4 toes seen in the print)
- Large pad, with webbing occasionally visible between the toes.
- Size: ~80mm x 100mm



Droppings

- Known as "spraint" - usually black but more grey if older
- Distinctive sweet, musky odour, often likened to jasmine tea or laurel flowers.
- Contain fish scales, bones, shells, feathers and/or fur
- Usually in prominent places, high up out of the water e.g. on rocks



American mink

Appearance

- Dark brown fur (appears black when wet)
- Slightly pointed muzzle
- Total body length: approx. 60cm



Tracks

- 5 pear-shaped toes
- Splayed 'star' shape
- Size: ~40mm x



Droppings

- Cylindrical scats with tapered ends
- Contain bones and fur
- 5-8 cm in length
- Dark green to black in colour with foul odour, like burnt rubber or rotten meat.



Water vole

Appearance

- Dark chestnut-brown or black fur
- Blunt muzzle, small round ears
- Total body length: approx. 30cm



Feeding Remains

- Neat piles of grass stalks with distinctive 45° cuts.



Droppings

- Cylindrical with blunt ends, often described as 'tic-tac'-shaped
- 0.8-1.2 cm in length
- Little odour with variable colours, usually dark green when broken open
- Typically found in small heaps, called latrines, close to water.

