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# SPOKE Notes

Newsletter of the Cyclonauts Bicycle Club, Springfield, MA

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



***Thank you*** to all those who volunteered to lead rides this year. We had a wonderful riding season. Please consider leading a hike this season, even if you haven't led a hike before. I would like to ***thank*** everyone who already signed up to lead hikes this fall and I look forward to seeing everyone on the trails.

James DeSellier
President









# EDITOR'S REST STOP



Hi everyone,

*Just a reminder*: If you wish to contribute, please don't hesitate to submit information you think will be helpful or of interest to the other club members. Send letters to the Editor, or feedback to me at donna.katz56@gmail.com regarding how SpokeNotes can be more interesting or useful to our members.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

*This is the place for club members to share their ideas and opinions with respect to all aspects of cycling and our club. Please limit letters to less than 200 words.*



# THE SPOKESNOTES EDITOR CHALLENGES THE CLUB TO SEE HOW MANY ANIMAL TRACKS WE CAN SPOT ON OUR HIKES.

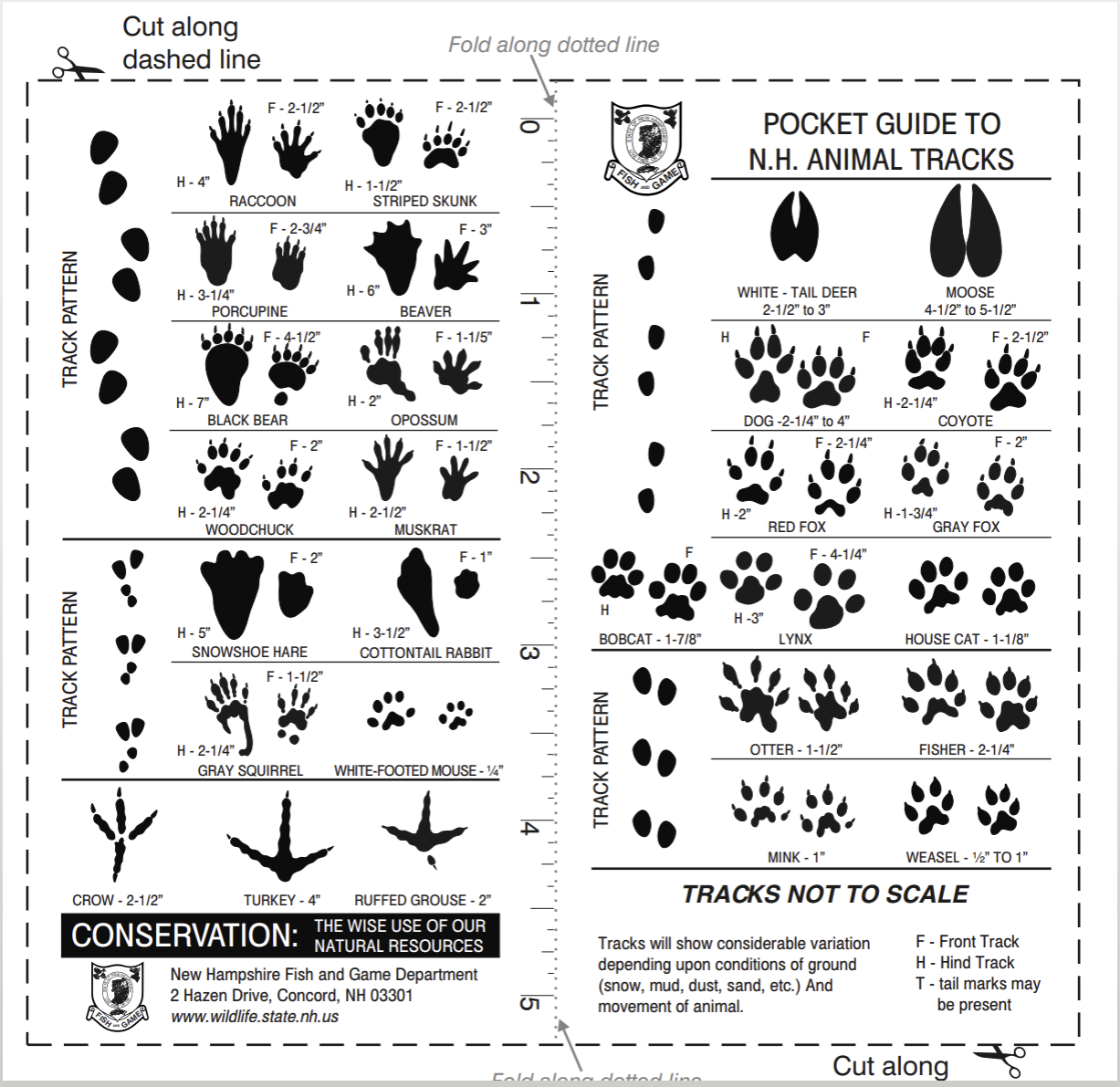
If you're interested, do the following: While on a Cyclonaut Hike, take a photo of a track you see and text it to me (Donna) @413-531-6879. Include with the photo, what animal you think the track is from and the hike location / date. Add as much additional info as you think would be interesting. At the end of the hiking season, I will compile all the photos and track info, and share it with the club – probably in the Spring 2027 SpokesNotes.

FOR EXAMPLE:
On a cyclonauts hike,
on 12/9/2019 in Simsbury, CT
we came upon these tracks.
My fellow hikers thought
these tracks were created by
a bear!





# YOU CAN USE THIS CHART OR FIND YOUR OWN TO HELP IDENTIFY THE TRACKS



# THE WEBMASTER'S CORNER

Now that hiking season is here, please make note of the following. Hike leaders should be sure to check the weather, not only the night before, but early on the morning of the hike. Please be sure to check the weather at the hike location. Requests for a hike cancellation notice should be sent either the night before or by 6 AM the morning of the hike, so that I can be sure to get the note out no later than 7 AM. If members are not certain whether the hike is on, they should call the hike leader.

I want to thank all of you for continuing to take and send pictures. Please continue taking pictures during the hiking season and sending them to spfldcyclonauts@gmail.com or text to me at (413) 427-6095 if it is easier. Please include a brief description of the ride or hike (date, location, number of participants, etc.).

Betty Siwinski
Webmaster



