

Schoolyard Activity: Baited Sand Box

Supplies needed:

Sand box or area of clear dirt

Flour

Straight board

Try Peanut butter, dog food, apples, or acorns for bait

1. Clear a patch of soft dirt or sand of all debris (leaves, sticks, rocks, etc.)
2. If you're baiting a large area, use a long board and have two people handle it, one from each end. Drag the board across the dirt to flatten an area. Place your bait in the middle. If you have to walk on the flattened area, walk in single file and try to step in your own tracks as you walk back out.
3. Leave the area for a day or so. When you return, you should have some tracks to examine.
4. Experiment with different baits to attract different animals.
5. If you have any good tracks, you can make plaster casts of them, or take photos or make drawings of them.