Otter tracks are distinctive and will most often be confused with dog tracks in areas where fox and coyote are absent.

Dog tracks are oval, with 4 large toes and large claws. A triangular patch (chevron) is often visible at the base of the track.

Otter tracks are more round than oval. Toes are typically spaced apart. Claw marks are small, and tracks are often in sets of four as below.

Here is an example of an otter loping. Notice the distance between the sets of tracks. The ruler is 8.5”

Below are raccoon tracks. Notice the toes are long and narrow.

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