

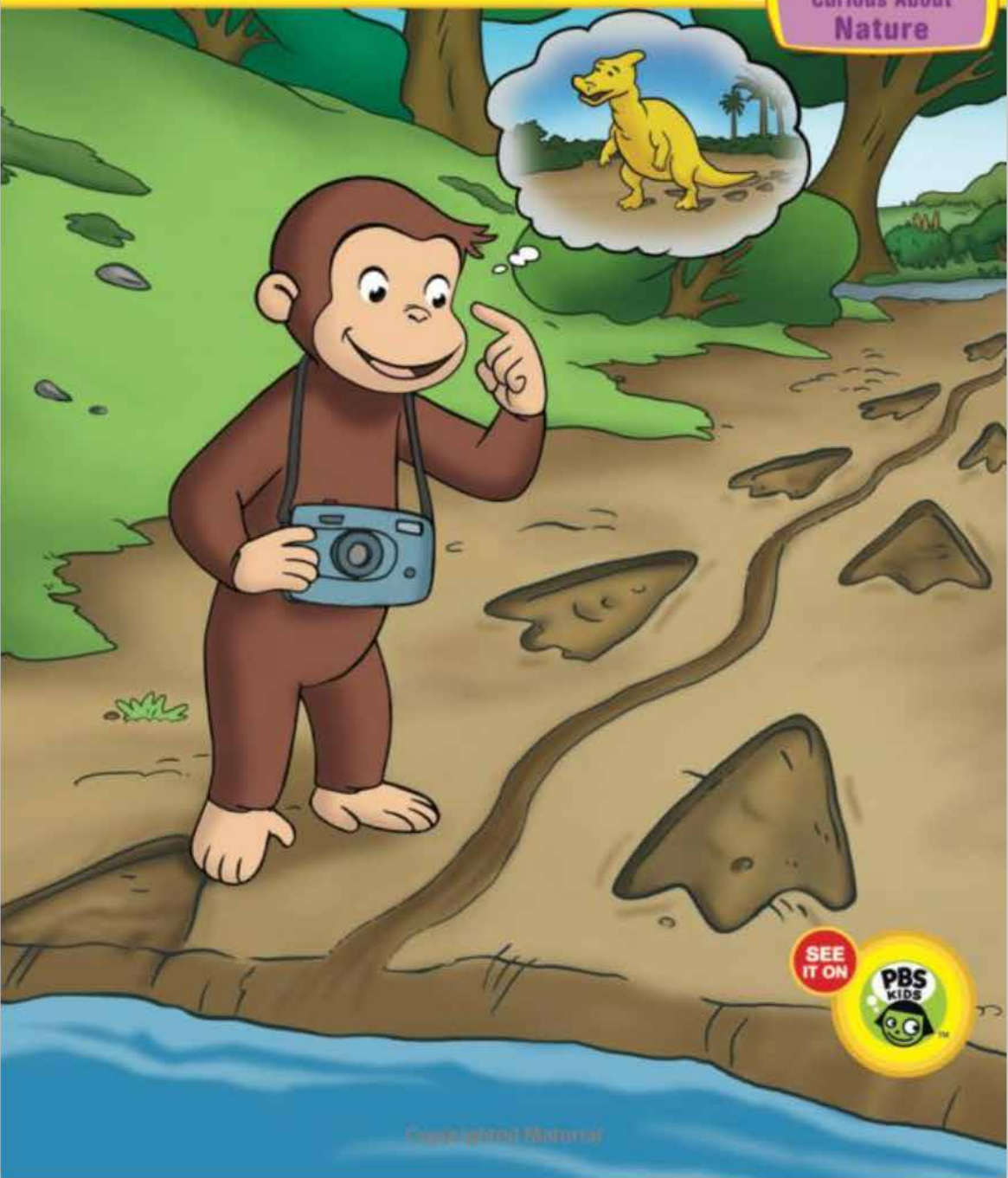
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George was curious about animal tracks.

He took photos of raccoon, frog, and squirrel tracks.



“Wow!” said Bill.
“You have almost
every local animal except the fawn.
Come on! I’ll show you where to find it.”



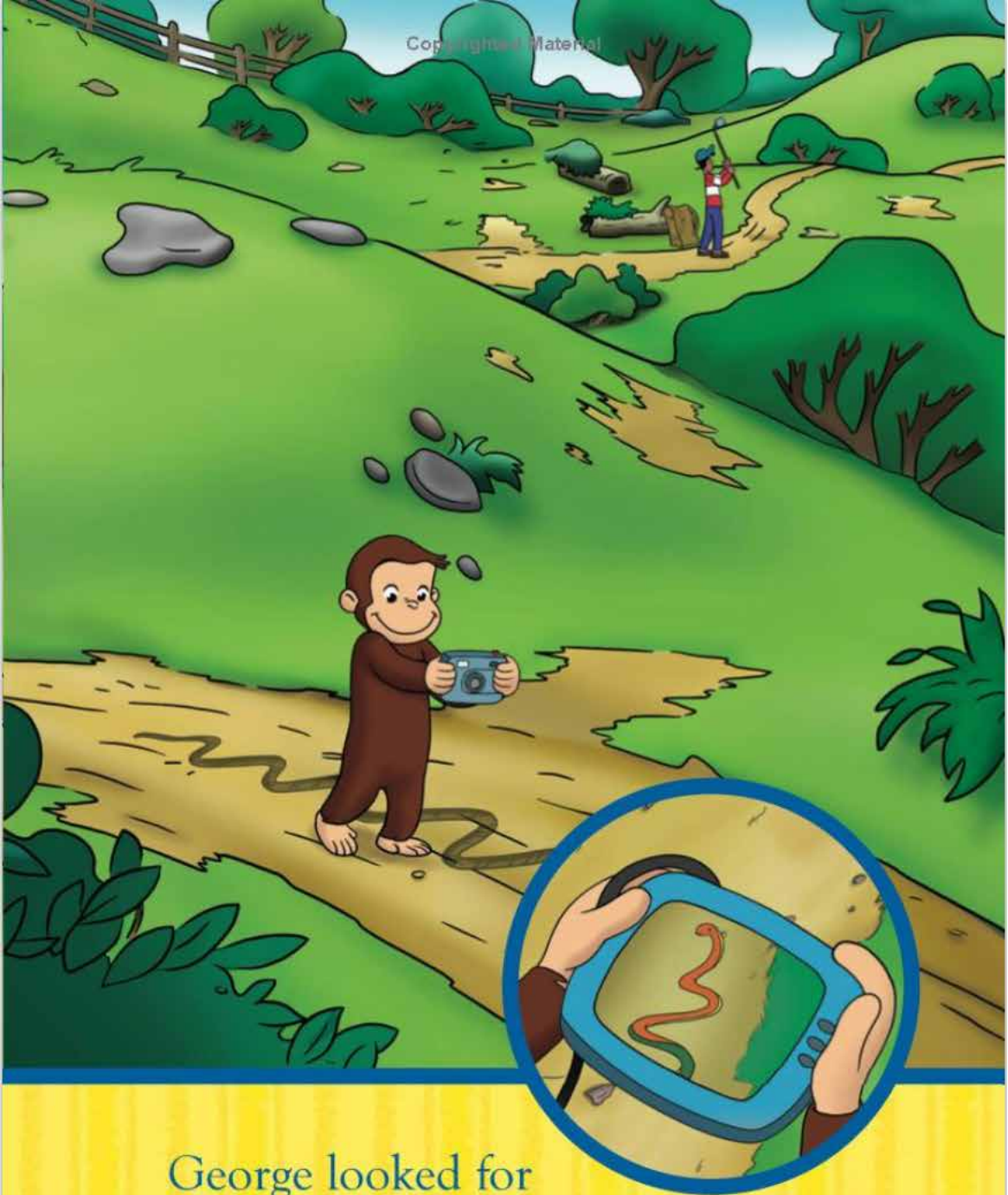
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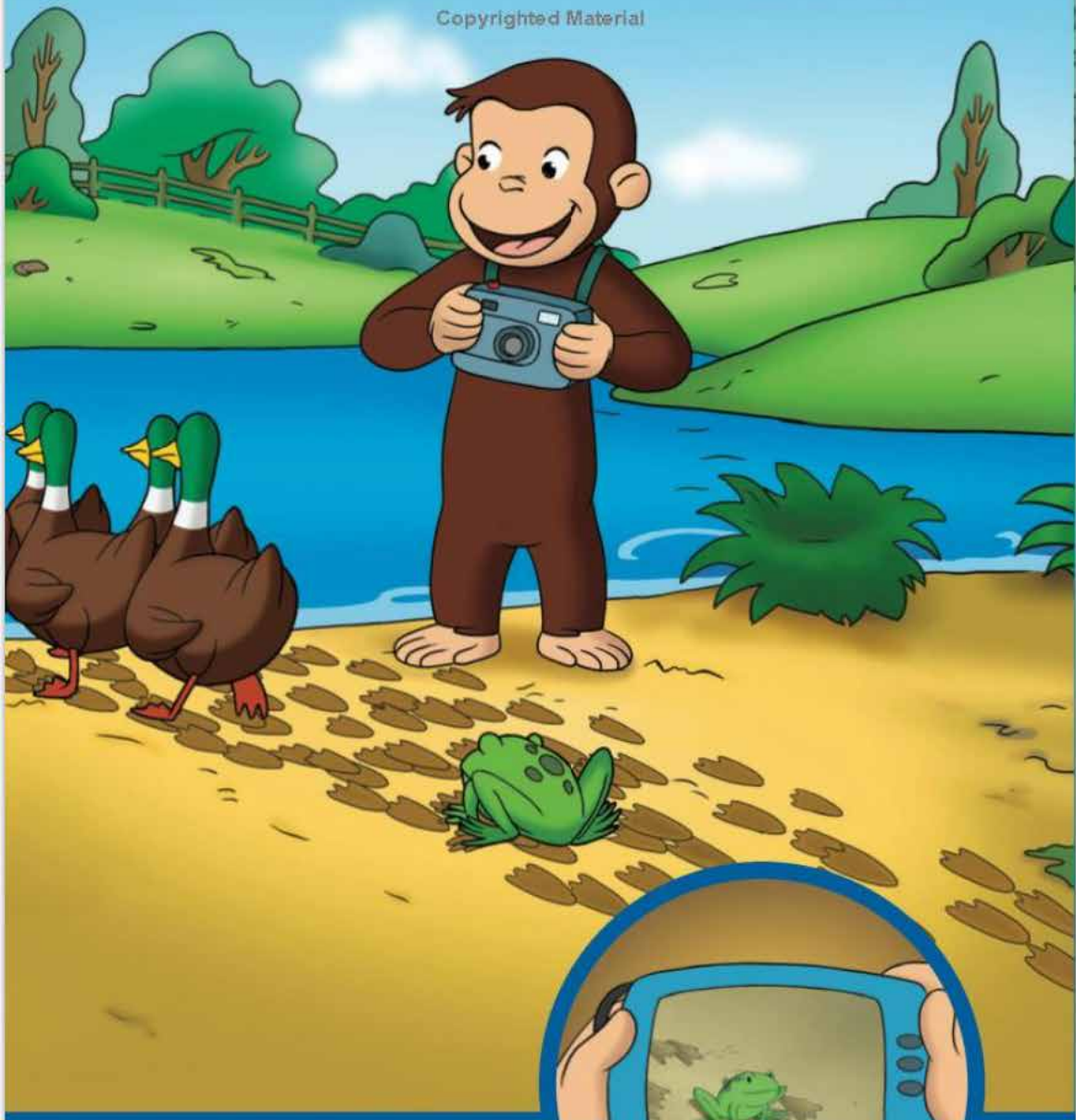
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George looked for
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The first track he found was from
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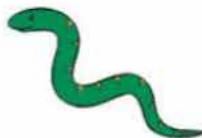
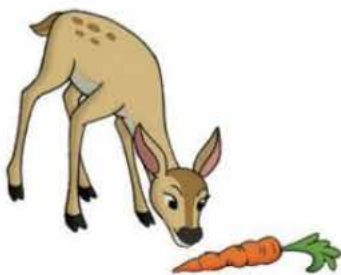


Then he found duck
and frog tracks.

They both have webbed feet. That must
be why they are good swimmers.

Animal Tracks

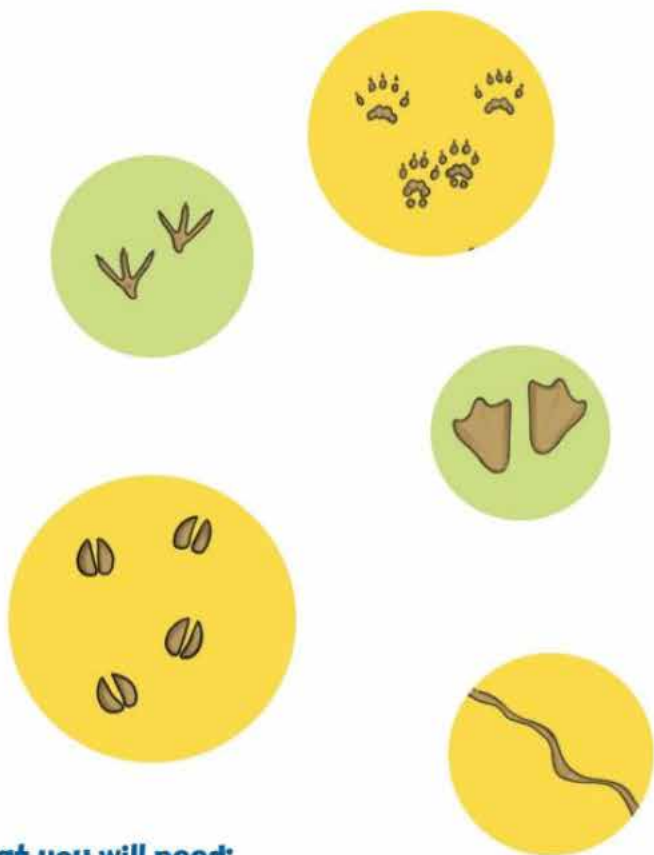
Look at the animals and their matching tracks.



What do you think George's tracks look like?

Making Tracks!

Did you know that you can make plaster casts of animal tracks? Next time you and an adult find an animal track while on a hike, in a park, or exploring your own backyard, try it—it's fun and easy!



What you will need:

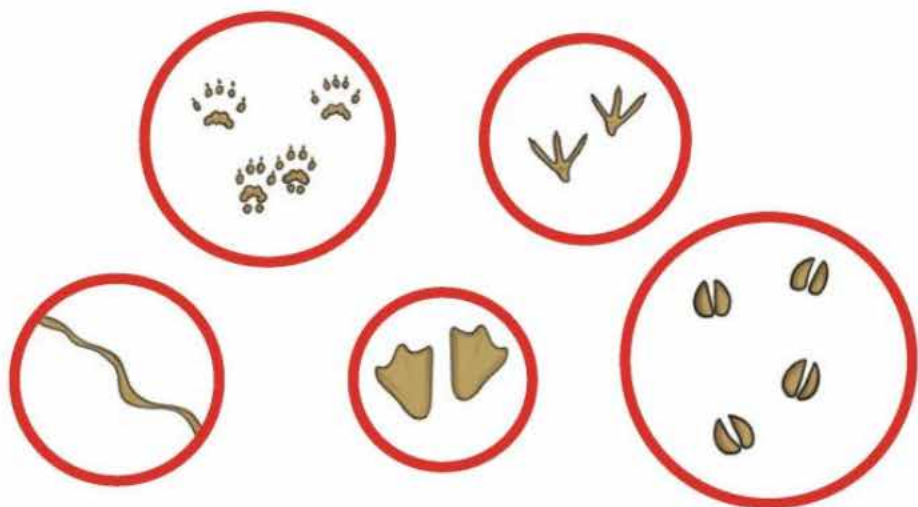
Plaster of Paris (found at craft stores), a bottle of water, plastic spoons, paper towels, a plastic container or paper cups to mix the plaster, a small trowel or something to dig with, paint, a backpack to carry everything in, and a grownup to help.

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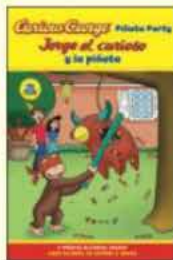
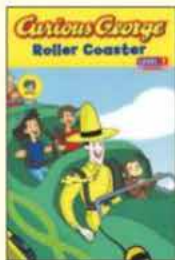
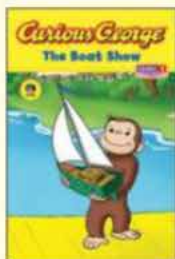
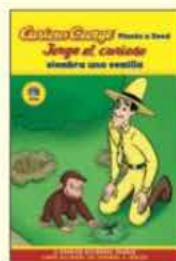
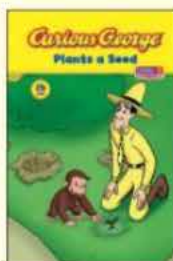
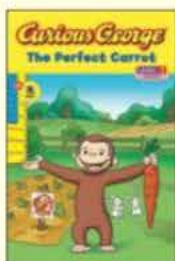
What to do:

1. Find a good, clean animal track in mud that has dried enough to keep its shape when you press on it lightly.
2. Lay out all your supplies. Pour about $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of plaster into the plastic container. Quickly stir in water until the plaster is thin enough to pour, yet not too runny. Tap on the edge of the container to get out most of the air bubbles. Do this quickly, because the plaster begins to set within a few seconds.
3. Carefully pour the plaster mixture into the track. Let the plaster set for at least a half hour.
4. When the plaster is firm, carefully dig under the cast and lift it up. Take it home and let it dry overnight.
5. When the plaster cast is completely dry, clean it off with a brush. You may want to paint the cast.

Now you have an animal track that will last forever!



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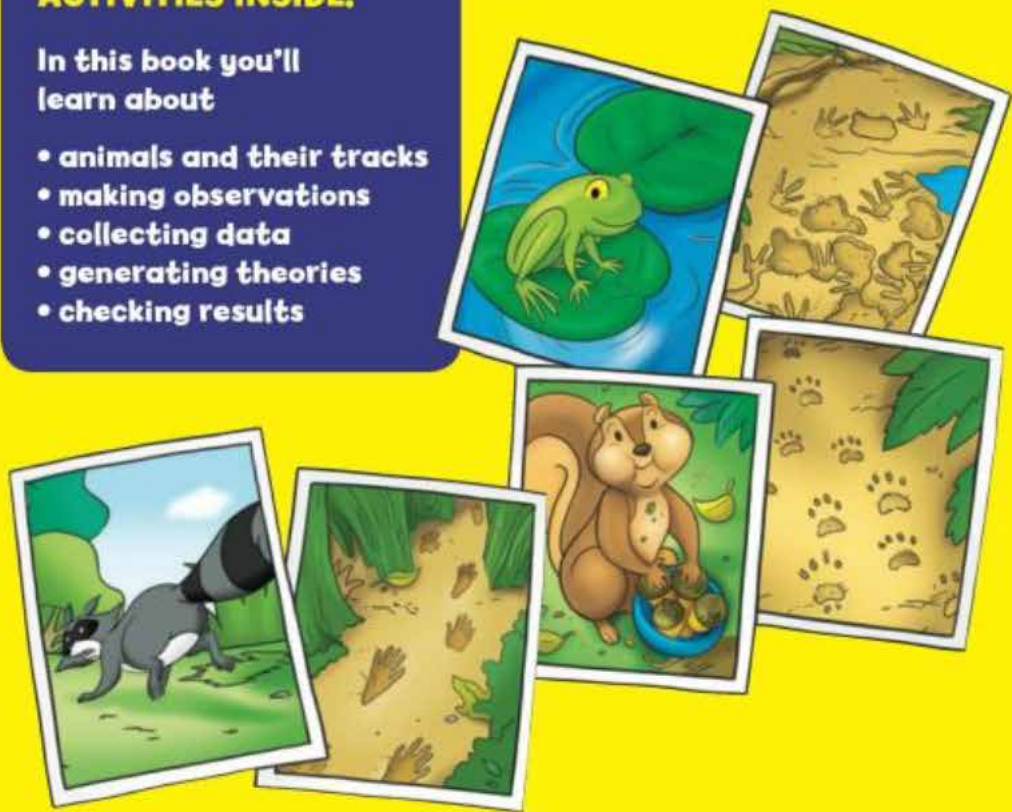


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