

SUMMER STAR WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Trail Walk Series presents

ECO-TRACKING AT SUMMER STAR with DAVID BROWN
SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016, 1 to 3 pm



Track photo by David Brown



Drawing by Joyce McJilton Dwyer

Summer Star is extremely fortunate to enlist the services of David Brown to provide a two hour eco-tracking program at the sanctuary. With his guidance, participants will see that many of our resident animals remain busy through the winter months. Participants are encouraged to check the temperature forecast. Dressing in layers is usually a safe bet.

Bio: David Brown

Tracker-naturalist David Brown has offered interpretive programs for over 20 years to many public and private groups in New England. He practices “quiet activism” believing that a people don’t need to be convinced to protect what they love. His task is to help them love nature by helping them to see some of the life hidden from direct view by foliage and the night. He is the author of several publications on the art of animal tracking, including *The Next Step: Interpreting Animal Tracks, Trails and Sign*, recently released by McDonald & Woodward Publishing Company.

Eco-tracking at Summer Star

We will take a two-hour walk at Summer Star Sanctuary practicing the arts of finding and identifying the tracks, trails and other sign of wild animals that make the pine-oak forest their home. Some of this sign, such as tracks in the snow, is obvious; other evidence hides in plain sight and needs to be pulled out of the background to be identified. Along the way we will try to

answer the questions: why was the detected animal here and what was it doing? That is, what was its relationship with the habitat in which it was found? This is “eco-tracking” or ecological animal tracking.

Trail Walk at Summer Star Wildlife Sanctuary

Date: Sunday, January 3, 2016 **Time:** 1- 3 pm

Free event, but registration is required. Email us at info@SummerStarWildlife.org or call [508-869-3434](tel:508-869-3434) between the hours of 11am and 3pm, Saturday – Tuesday.

Make up date (in the case of zero snow cover): Sunday, January 31. 1-3pm.