

Forest Detective Scavenger Hunt, a self-guided activity

The Houston Arboretum & Nature Center is a 155 acre urban wildlife sanctuary. Even though it is in the middle of a large city, many wild animals can be found here.

Wildlife includes animals that are not tamed or domesticated. Wildlife can be as large as a whale or so small that it is only visible to humans if seen through a microscope. The largest wild animal that hunts in the Arboretum is the coyote. Coyotes like many Arboretum creatures are nocturnal, active at night. Nocturnal animals and other wild animals can be difficult to find during your visit. But signs of wildlife are every where you look.

During your visit challenge your students to become Forest Detectives. Look for the clues that wild animals leave behind. Print the checklist to record your observations.