

ANIMAL TRACKING WORKSHOP FOR DOCENTS AND TEACHERS

WITH EARTH SKILLS' JIM LOWERY



**SATURDAY, APRIL 4 at Eaton Canyon Nature Center,
Altadena**

Earth Skills offers this seven-hour training specifically designed for walk leaders and teachers who want to make the most of interpretive opportunities in the field relating to mammal tracks and signs. Jim Lowery, owner of Earth Skills, has taught tracking to thousands of students since 1987; he is a real student of teaching methods as well as the author of *The Tracker's Field Guide* (Globe Pequot, 2006), a field guide that relates track interpretation to biology and habits of animals in the field.

In this workshop, you will:

- Practice interpretive techniques with your small team using what you find in the field that day (focusing on commonly found animals such as cottontails, coyotes, woodrats etc.);
- Discuss and practice how to relate tracks & signs to animals' biology, using examples from this time and place;
- Complete take-home interpretive materials including stencils of animal track patterns, replica plaster casts and portable tracking stations; and
- Brainstorm about interpretive possibilities for your nature center or school.

We've designed this workshop especially for students who have a basic knowledge of tracking through training at Earth Skills' Basic Tracking class or comparable docent training. However, we can accept some students without tracking experience as long as they enroll early to allow advance reading assignments and pairing up with more experienced students in the class.

Please enroll early; we will be sending out reading assignments to all students before the class.

Class size will be limited. Enroll through Earth Skills (see below) and call or email us with any questions.

April 4, 2009 Interpretive Skills for Teachers & Naturalists, \$60
including all materials.

Tracker's Field Guide available discounted to \$15.

