

Little Ouse Headwaters Project



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Who's been here? (at Broomscot Common)

Are you a good detective?





Spider There's a labyrinth spider waiting in the tunnel. When it feels its web move - it will dash out to catch its insect food.





Rabbits

Rabbits are here all year round. They use regular places as toilets, so you can find hundreds of droppings together.





Sheep The sheep are here to keep the plants nibbled short. This helps small wildflowers not to be swamped by tall grass.





Mole

Moles push up piles of earth as they tunnel underground. Look for different coloured hills in different parts of the site. (In some places it is sandy and in others more peaty).





Rabbits On Broomscot Common the rabbits eat the gorse bushes into strange shapes. Imagine eating gorse!





Sheep

The sheep who graze Broomscot are called Norfolk Horns. They can cope with very poor quality grass.





Water vole

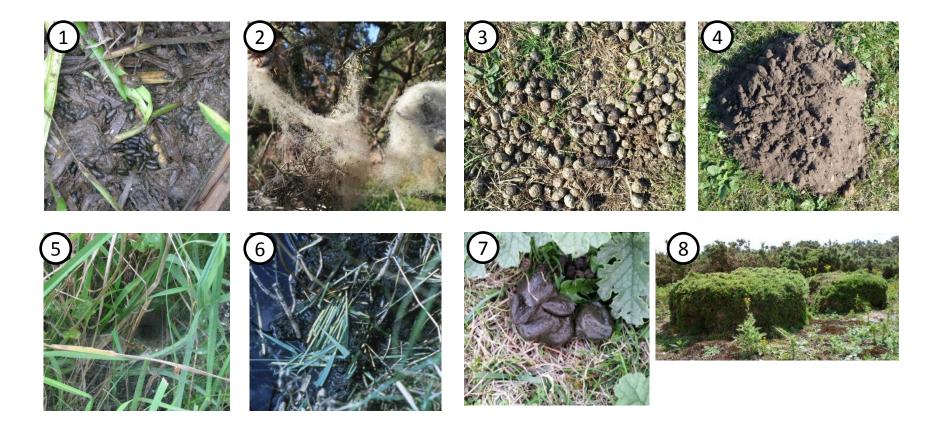
Droppings are small and greeny/black, in piles along their paths at the water's edge.





Water vole

Little piles of chopped grass show where a water vole has cut and stored some food for later.



Can you remember which animals left these signs? Can you draw the animal which made each one? What other signs might you see?