

Explore Marmots

Discover an Alaska animal that depends on mountain habitats!

Marmots are members of the squirrel family. Three species live in Alaska: **hoary marmots**, **Alaska marmots**, and **woodchucks** (also called **groundhogs**). Both the hoary marmot and Alaska marmot are mostly gray with a darker face, lower back and tail. The hoary marmot has a white face patch, while the Alaska marmot does not. Woodchucks are mostly brown with a brown face.

Make a Marmot Mask

Materials: Marmot Mask template, scissors, coloring supplies, string, hole punch.

Which marmot do you want to look like?

- Cut out a marmot mask template and color it.
- Cut out the eye holes. Ask an adult to help if needed.
- Punch a hole in each side. Tie a piece of string through each hole.
- Tie the yarn behind your head to wear your mask!



Hoary marmot
(*Marmota caligata*)

Image: Jonathan Fiely.



Alaska marmot
(*Marmota broweri*)

Image: Moose Peterson.



Woodchuck
(*Marmota monax*)

Image: Matt Reinbold, Flickr.com

Create a Track Rubbing

Materials: Marmot Tracks template (printed on cardstock), scissors, pencils or crayons, blank paper, cardboard.

Cut the track shapes out of the printed template. Glue the black pieces in the shape of the track on a piece of cardboard. Lay a blank piece of paper on top of the tracks and rub a pencil or crayon over them to make them appear!

Marmot Mask Template



Marmot Tracks Template

Tracks are approximately actual size. *Image: National Park Service.*



Reference tracks (use to help with layout)

