

# Signs of Life

## Searching for Nighttime Hunters

A hunk of fur, a pile of dung, a dusty footprint... telltale signs of the nightly dance between predator and prey. While you sleep, the oak woodland comes alive with a nocturnal feeding procession; from acorn to deer mouse to ringtail, from acorn to beetle to skunk to great horned owl, from acorn to field mouse to house cat to coyote. A harsh, but necessary balance amid the oaks.

### Try This:

Walk the trail early in the morning when the sounds of the wild replace the noise of boats and people. Look for the three P's: Prints, Poop and owl Pellets, signs of the park's nighttime hunters.

