

Owl Watching

How do you find owls to watch?

Watching for owls can be anytime of day.

Day time is a great time to look for owl clues.

(owl pellets, hollow trees for nests, etc.)

When the sun sets it is a great time to listen for owl calls or look for them being active.



Following Clues

Owl clues can be hard to find.

First thing to do is ask: Where do owls live?

Knowing where to look is half the battle. Owls can live in many places. Each different type of owl needs something a little different.

Three common places are **forest, old farm buildings, and parks.**



Searching for owls during the day

Owls are hard to spot during the day, because they are normally sleeping. An easy way to start searching for owls is to look for owl pellets.

What is an owl pellet?

An owl pellet is another name for **owl puke!**



Take a closer look at this the pellet!

An owl pellet is bones and fur that the owl couldn't digest. You can pull it apart and see what it ate. Often times owl pellets are found close to its home.



Searching for owls during the night

Full Moon is the **perfect** time to look for owls. The moon light reflects off the snow making it easier to see in the dark. If you walk quietly you may be able to see one! They could be in trees or flying!



During the night owls are active. It is a great time to listen to their calls! Take a walk to hear them talking or even see them flying!



Sometimes you can spot wing prints in the snow! Wing prints are formed by an owl landing on an animal that it was hunting.

My Owl Clues and Sightings

Directions: Find a place where you think an owl might live. Owls can live anywhere when there is food and places to nest. So that means they can live in a town park, a farm, or a wooded area. Take a look around, see how many clues you find during the day. Then return to the same area and see if you find anything during the night. Write your observations below. Make copies and you can keep track of your owl's activity!

Owl Clues During the Day

Location _____

Time of Day _____ Date _____

Weather _____

What clues did you find?

What do you think your owl might be hunting?

Where do you think your owl might be living?

Draw a picture of your owl, or what you think your owl looks like. 

Owl Clues During the Night

Location _____

Time of Day _____ Date _____

Weather _____

What clues did you find?

Can you hear your owl? What do you think it's saying? _____

What do you think your owl might be hunting?

Where do you think your owl might be living?

Draw a picture of your owl, or what you think your owl looks like. 