

Foot Print Analysis

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Morgan Beall presented a foot print for my analysis. He brought me the foot print for analysis, because my family owned and operated a nuisance wildlife company in Fort Myers, Florida for over 25 years. I also manage four environmental parks in the City of Cape Coral. My knowledge of the wildlife of Florida and their tracks is quite extensive. I can identify every mammal in the state of Florida and have an understanding of the movement and speed of an animal based on depth and shape of the track.

The foot print cast and photos that I was given to examine by Mr. Beall are not of a known animal species found in Florida or that I even know to exist. This print appears to be from a bipedal with odd additional appendages and three primary toes. It is nothing that is known to me, or likely anyone else.

The following is the description of the shape and motion the print is displaying from examination of both cast and photos taken of the foot print site:

The front of the foot displays three primary digits. Digit one on the right side of the cast or left side of the foot is approximately 3" inches deep, digit two or center digit is 2 ¼" inches deep, digit three to the left side of the cast is 1 ¼" inches deep.

At the ball of foot and beneath the toe area is a large, possible, grasping appendage. The center of the appendage comes almost to a point and could possibly be a claw? The point is one 1" inch long, and on either side are possible digits? This area could also be a large digit and the 1" inch point is a claw? From arch to heel appear to be a typical bipedal foot, except the arch extends across entire foot with no outer bone for balance. However, there is a separate appendage at the back of the heel that is anvil shaped and may provide support. The heel is 4" inches and the anvil shaped appendage is 3 ½" inches.

The print is 19" inches long from anvil appendage to longest digit. Depth, at the deepest point, is the center appendage on the ball of the foot, which is 4 1/2" inches.

The photo shows a spray of soil to the right of the print. It appears the owner of the foot print pushed off to the right with great force in order to throw the soil in such a matter. The weight applied to the print would be greatest on the right side of the print or the left side of the actual foot.

Based on the contour of the cast, the weight was applied to the correct portion of the cast results. The characteristics of the cast depth and the shape match the characteristics found in the photo display of soil disruption.

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