

Tails of the Uplands Point Survey Form

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Please complete one recording form for each site you visit.
Do include your journey time but please take care to only record it once if you are surveying multiple sites in one day.

Site ID		Date	
Recorder name		Start time	
No. of people taking part (including you)		Finish time	
Names of other people taking part		How many days before the survey did it last rain?	

Otter		
Did you see signs of otters? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Did you take a sample? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Photo ID numbers:
Which signs did you see? <input type="checkbox"/> Spraint <input type="checkbox"/> Sighting <input type="checkbox"/> Footprint <input type="checkbox"/> Feeding remains <input type="checkbox"/> Jelly <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Please describe the location of each sign found:		

Mink	
Did you see signs of mink? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Photo ID numbers:
Which signs did you see? <input type="checkbox"/> Scat <input type="checkbox"/> Footprint <input type="checkbox"/> Sighting <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Please describe the location of each sign found	

Water vole			
Did you see signs of water voles? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Did you take a sample? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Photo ID numbers:	
Which signs did you see? <input type="checkbox"/> Trampled latrine <input type="checkbox"/> Sighting	<input type="checkbox"/> Untrampled latrine <input type="checkbox"/> Feeding signs	<input type="checkbox"/> Scattered droppings <input type="checkbox"/> Burrow / nest	<input type="checkbox"/> Footprint <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Please describe the location of each sign found:			

Comments (Including other signs, signs of other animals, site changes, if mammal raft is in need of repair):
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Remember to take with you:

- The survey location form for your survey point
- The Tails of the Uplands survey card and ID guide which you will have received at a training session or can be downloaded from our website.
- A GPS unit, if available, or equivalent smart phone app
- A camera, if available, to take photographs of your sightings
- A fully charged mobile phone

Survey instructions

1. Using the map and GPS coordinates provided on the survey location form, navigate to your survey point. This will be a mammal raft, bridge or other prominent feature.
2. Search carefully for signs of the three species. Try to search 10 m along the water's edge to either side of the survey point. Search only where it is safe to do so and never enter the water.
3. If your survey point includes a mammal raft, locate the raft & pull it carefully onto the riverbank. Inspect it for signs of the three species. Smooth over the surface of the clay (dribbling a little water over the surface of the clay may help with this) and check the integrity of the raft then place the raft back in the water.
4. Complete the recording form, noting whether you saw signs of each of the three target species, which signs you saw and a description of the location of the sign.
5. Try to take a photograph of any signs you see. Ideally, for footprints and spraint/scat/droppings, put the ruler on the survey card beside for scale.
6. At the bottom of the form, fill in any other useful information, for example, note if the mammal raft looks like it is in need of repair.

Please don't forget to enter your results as soon as possible.

Entering your records online is easy and we have all the guidance you need on our website:

www.moorsforthefuture.org.uk/community-science

Alternatively, you can submit your records to us by post. Just complete the additional information below and send this form back to us at:

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If you encounter any problems or have any queries about the surveys or about submitting your results, please contact us:

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