

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A BADGER SETT

1. Firstly, look for a badger hair in the spoil heap.

Don't forget to do the 'roll test' to check.

2. **Check for badger footprints and a dung pit nearby.**

3. **Take a walk around and count the number of entrance holes at the sett.**

This will help you decide if it is the **MAIN SETT** i.e. the largest sett and the one used all year round by the badgers.

4. **Look out for badger skulls amongst the spoil heaps.**

Badger skulls have a big ridge along the top (sagittal crest) and the jaw is connected to the skull.

5. **Look for scratching posts.**

Sometimes badgers have a scratching post close to the main sett. This is a tree that the badgers scent mark using their front paws. A scratching tree will have most of the bark removed by the badgers, up to about one metre high.

Badger scratching post by a sett



WHAT NEXT?

Keep an eye on the sett regularly to check for any changes.

You could also:

- Set up a camera trap to check for badger cubs and to see how many badgers live at the sett.



- Lay some sand on top of the spoil heaps to obtain badger footprints, then take a plaster cast of any footprints left. (see worksheet in your pack for instructions)



- Watch the badgers from a safe distance in the evening.
Always bring an adult with you!



GOOD LUCK MAMMAL DETECTIVES!

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, JUST ASK SCOTTISH
BADGERS**