

Who Dug That Hole?

Hole Size	More Info	Animal
¼ inch or less	Lots of holes on a big mound	Ants
¼ inch	Muddy area, round hole	Worm
½ to 1 inch	About the size of a quarter	Shrew
1 ½ inch	Trampled grass trails by hole	Vole
2 inches	No dirt outside of hole	13 Lined Ground Squirrel
1 to 3 inches	Mud volcano up to 6 inches tall	Prairie Crayfish
5 to 6 inches	Oval hole	Badger
5 to 6 inches	Round hole	Woodchuck
9 inches to 1 foot		Fox
1 to 2 feet		Coyote

Dirt Mounds Without Holes

Size	More Info	Animal
10 inches or more	Fan-shaped mound, or many mounds in one area	Pocket Gopher
6 to 10 inches	Circular mounds, sometimes underground tunnels are seen as ridges above ground	Mole

Other Animals

Bobcats may dig out areas searching for prey, but they raise their young in natural caves and dens, not underground burrows.

Most snakes (including all species found at Neal Smith NWR) can't dig holes! Snakes will inhabit holes abandoned by other animals, though.

Raccoons, rabbits, and opossums will sometimes use abandoned woodchuck burrows. Look for scat, fur, or footprints as signs of these animals.