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<p>We more often see signs of their presence than the animals. White tailed deer are common here, but mule deer prefer other parts of the city. Since both white tailed deer and mule deer consume the same food what accounts for the difference?</p> <p>A Deer Trail</p>	<p>Different prairie plants grow in low lying areas than in higher and dryer areas of the prairie. Low lying areas will collect more water, so plants that need more moisture are likely to grow there. Higher and drier areas are exposed to more sun and wind and dry out sooner, the plants that grow there will need very deep roots.</p> <p>Low Lying Area</p>	<p>Both predators and prey may seek a lookout spot. Predators will be camouflaged and prey will be scanning for predators. What makes your look out spot an imperfect shelter spot?</p> <p>A Lookout Spot</p>
<p>The birds may devour the berries but leave no sign. Hares, voles and deer will nibble on the bark of trees. Deer may paw away snow to reach the grasses beneath. Woodpeckers will peck holes in trees to find insects.</p> <p>Signs animals were eating</p>	<p>Saskatoon berries, raspberries, tea from rosehips.</p> <p>A food source</p>	<p>Trail of pawprints leading to a burrow, depression in the snow where an animal lay, rabbit droppings.</p> <p>Signs an animal sheltered</p>
<p>Low lying areas, a depression where limestone was quarried, the aspen grove, amongst shrubs.</p> <p>Shelter from the wind</p>	<p>In winter the dry grass tinder is not accessible, could you use fall twigs, exposed leaves or seed heads?</p> <p>Dry kindling for a campfire</p>	<p>Remembering the direction of the sun will help you navigate the Grasslands. The river lies to the west, Mother Teresa and Silverspring schools to the south, and the Forestry Farm to the East.</p> <p>Direction the wind is blowing</p>