

## CAPE CLAWLESS OTTERS



We have a small population of otters in the Wetlands, and an Otter Watch has been set up to learn more about them.

They move around at night and can sometimes be seen early in the morning or in the late evening. They are playful and excellent swimmers. Holts (dwellings) can be in reed beds or under rocks, and they can wander several kilometres from their holts.



Their footprints can be seen sometimes on the beach near the river. As they have no claws, the spoor can be easily recognised, and they use their paws to feel for food.



As they eat mainly crabs, many crab shell pieces can be seen in their droppings.

2-3 pups are usually born after 2 months gestation and weaned by 2 months, although they leave the den at about 1 month. They are raised solely by the female.

Interesting fact: They can be left or right-handed!

**Please keep your dogs out of the ponds, as they may scare the otters.**