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The Long Island River Project's River Otter Sign and Survey Manual. Mike Botini. 2022. Seatuck, Environmental Association, Islip, NY. 32 pp. Based on his years of studying *Lontra canadensis* (River Otter) on Long Island, NY, Mike has put together a very useful, information-packed guide to help others interested in researching, documenting the presence of, or looking to observe these fascinating but elusive mammals. He provides tips for effectively surveying an area for Otter signs, giving detailed description of otter latrines and where they are likely to be found. He also provides very helpful sections on other types of sign such as tracks, scat, slides, couches, dens, brownouts, and pushups. In each case this guide is packed with photos so the reader can see actual examples, and where relevant contrasts them with photos of similar looking sign of other species or natural features that could be mistaken for otter sign. The guide includes a section providing tips on how best to photograph otter sign that those looking to document their presence will find quite useful. Since Mike is studying Otters in a location with a large human population and concerned about their conservation, he also discusses ways to mitigate the impact of development on Otters such as the use of ladders to allow them to scale dams as they traverse up streams, and the use of speed bumps to slow traffic in areas where otter trails are known to cross roadways so as to lessen the number of roadkills. All in all, anyone interested in studying or learning more about River Otters would find this manual to be worth reading.

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