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hunting & tracking

Hunting & tracking were essential skills to the Anglo Saxon and Viking landsmen 1000 years ago.

It would be part of the essential skills required to maintain food stocks for a harsh winter.

Just like the fishermen who's catches could be processed for winter use by smoking or salting the hunters job would be obtain fresh meat for preserving for the long winters.

Some animals could be trapped in various ways but most have to be tracked and tracking was an entire skill in itself.

A tracker does not just follow footprints but follows the signs related to the movement of the animal through it's environment.

Hunting animals for food in ancient times would use hunting or trapping.

Whereas fishermen might use hooks of nets to catch fish the hunter would either use trapping or hunting with a bow.

Trapping uses various types of snares and trapping methods depending upon the animal you hope to catch. Trapping would usually be used for small animals with trap set by their usual runs or pathways.

Hunting with a bow will utilise a number of different techniques depending upon the environment the hunter is in and the prey he is hunting. Bow hunting requires great skill & technique. A 30lb bow at 30 yards, will kill a deer, a 40lb bow at 30 yards and the arrow would go straight through the deer so bow skill is essential.

