

# Do I have a Mole or a Gopher?

- **Gopher** mounds are crescent or horseshoe-shaped, and the hole is off to one side of the mound and is usually plugged.
- **Mole** mounds are more circular and have a plug in the middle; in profile they are volcano-shaped.
- Unlike gophers, moles commonly burrow just beneath the surface, leaving a raised ridge to mark their path.



*Pocket Gopher*



*Mole*



*Gopher mound  
(crescent-shaped)*



*Mole trails*



*Mole mound  
(circular)*



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