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How Does a Hippopotamus Move?

Short Answer Key

1. On land, hippos trot with short, sturdy legs, while in water they push off the bottom to move.
2. Hippos don't swim like fish because they use their legs to push off the ground instead.
3. Hippos create trails between land and water by walking the same path repeatedly.
4. Hippos' speed helps them escape threats and defend themselves if necessary.
5. Hippos are well-adapted to both water and land because they can move quickly and stay cool in the water.

