

## Data about Ants

### **Is there a durable surface that ants can't pass?**

I'm looking for a surface, that will be impassable for ant's yet not poisonous or easily decaying.

One idea is water - they really can't cross that. But water easily dries and is quite uncomfortable.

Is there something their legs will find uncomfortable? Something spiky for example?

- Diatomaceous earth is like broken glass to ants.
- Fluon is a substance that people use to make artificial ant nests. It is similar to teflon in property and fluon coated surfaces are too slippery for ants to cross. See [here](#)
- I've found that ants do not walk through petroleum jelly. It is also convenient, as it isn't too messy, and can be whatever shape you want. I use it to keep ants from climbing into my hummingbird feeders. Make sure the area you treat is wider than the ant is long.

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### **Amazing Ant Facts**

Ant fact 1. The total weight of all the ants in the world is the same as, if not larger than that of all humans.

Ant fact 2. Some ants can support up to 100x their own weight upside down on glass.

Ant fact 3. The largest ant colony ever found was over 6000 Km or 3750 miles wide.

Ant fact 4. Ants are the longest living of all insects, living for up to 30 years.

Ant fact 5. One ant species owns the record for the fastest movement within the animal kingdom.

Ant fact 6. There are over 12,000, known different species of ants.

Ant fact 7. The ant is one of the worlds' strongest creature in relation to its size.

Ant fact 8. One ant species is the most venomous insect in the world.

Ant fact 9. Dozens of colonies of the worlds smallest ant could live in the brain case of the worlds largest ant.

Ant fact 10. Ants move an estimated 50 tons of soil per year in one square mile.

Ant fact 11. Fire ants cause an estimated \$5 billion worth of damage in North America per year.

Ant fact 12. All worker, soldier and queen ants are female.

Ant fact 13. Some ant species are asexual, they clone themselves and do not require any males.

Ant fact 14. Ants and humans are the only creatures that farm other creatures.

Ant fact 15. Ants have two stomachs, one to hold food for themselves, and one for others.

Ant fact 16. Some ant species make slaves out of another ant species.

Ant fact 17. Ants can be found on every continent except antARCTica.

Ant fact 18. Some ants can swim.

Ant fact 19. Most ants can survive around 24 hours underwater.

Ant fact 20. Some ants have no eyes.

Ant fact 21. Some wingless ants can perform a controlled glide when free falling.

Ant fact 22. Ants sleep frequently and are often quite lazy.

Ant fact 23. In many parts of the world, ants are eaten by humans as a delicacy.

Ant fact 24. Ants worst enemies are not us, but other ants.

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