

Life of Beavers!



OREGON WILD

BEAVERS ARE THE SECOND LARGEST RODENT IN NORTH AMERICA!

THEY ARE LIKE ENGINEERS, THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO CREATE THEIR DAMS WITH STICKS, MUD AND BRANCHES.

FUN FACT: APRIL 7TH IS INTERNATIONAL BEAVER DAY!



SCIENTIFIC FACTS:

COMMON NAME: BEAVER

TYPE: MAMMAL

**DIET: HERBIVORES
(PLANTS, TREES, VEGETATION, ETC)**

GROUP NAME: COLONY

LIFESPAN IN THE WILD: UP TO 24 YEARS

AVERAGE WEIGHT: 60 POUNDS



FUN FACT: BEAVERS CAN STORE MILLIONS OF GALLONS OF WATER BEHIND THEIR DAMS.

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF BEAVERS IN THE WORLD: THE EUROPEAN BEAVER (CASTOR FIBER) AND THE NORTH AMERICAN BEAVER (CASTOR CANADENSIS)

BEAVERS TAILS ARE MULTI-USE! ONE OF THE MAIN USES IS TO SLAP THEIR TAIL ON THE WATER TO NOTIFY OTHER BEAVERS OF NEARBY DANGER.

BEAVERS LIKE TO KEEP BUSY, LIKE KIDS! THEY SLEEP DURING THE DAY AND IN THE NIGHT THEY GET UP AND GET BUSY - HENCE THE SAYING, "AS BUSY AS A BEAVER". THEY DO THEIR DAM AND LODGE BUILDING DURING THE NIGHT WHEN THEY ARE AWAKE.



A LODGE, LIKE THE ONE SHOWN ABOVE ON THE RIGHT, IS WHERE BEAVERS LIVE. THEY ARE ABLE TO GET INTO IT BY GOING UNDER WATER AND SWIMMING IN THROUGH "DOORS". THEY HAVE MULTIPLE EXITS TO BE ABLE TO GET OUT. THEY BUILD THESE LODGES WITH MULTIPLE DIFFERENT ITEMS.

NEXT TO HUMANS, BEAVERS ARE ONE OF THE ANIMALS MOST ABLE TO ALTER THEIR ENVIRONMENTS.

THE WETLANDS BEHIND THE DAMS BUILT BY BEAVERS PROVIDE GREAT HABITAT FOR WILDLIFE, INCLUDING BIRDS AND AMPHIBIANS. THESE BEAVER DAMS PROVIDE HUGE ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS FOR NOT ONLY WILDLIFE BUT ALSO WATER QUALITY AND GROUND WATER RECHARGE.