

The Beaver: An Overview

Wetlands are home to many kinds of aquatic mammals; animals that live in and use both water and land to survive. One of these aquatic mammals is the beaver. The beaver is the largest living rodent in North America! Their flat tails are used for balance and swimming as well as temperature regulation, fat storage, and communication. Using their teeth, beavers cut down trees and gather woody material to create dams and lodges for protection and shelter. A lodge is a large dome structure of branches and mud, where a family of beavers live. They are generally located in the middle of ponds and can only be reached through underwater entrances (this helps protect them from predators).



Make Your Own Beaver Lodge

Supplies:

- Pretzel Sticks
- Peanut Butter
- Chocolate Chips
- Rice Cake



Instructions:

1. Take a rice cake and spread a layer of peanut butter across the top.



2. Begin piling pretzel sticks on top of the peanut butter, adding more peanut butter and pretzel sticks until there is a secure mound.



3. Add in a few chocolate chips to the peanut butter for an extra treat.



4. Enjoy!