



BEAVER

What do they look like?

- Beavers have water-proof fur, webbed feet, and a large flat tail.
- They have small ears and large orange-colored teeth.
- Beavers are the largest rodent in North America. They can weigh between 30 and 100 pounds.

What do they eat?

Beavers are vegetarians. They like to eat plants, leaves, tree bark, twigs, sprouts, and fruit.



Where do they live ?

- Beavers live in New Hampshire's ponds and waterways. They can also be found all over North America.
- They build dams made out of tree branches and other plant materials.



Why are they important to New Hampshire history?

Early European settlers to America shipped thousands of beaver pelts to Europe where they became fashionable, mainly to make hats.

Beaver pelts were the most popular trade item between the settlers and the Abenaki. But both the Abenaki and settlers hunted the beaver too much, and beavers almost became extinct!



Fun Fact

Beavers may have small ears, but they have excellent hearing! When they go swimming, beavers can close their ears and nose so they can go underwater.