



# Beavers are Nature's Engineers

They Build:



## Dams

Designed to block a stream, they are made of sticks, mud, and rocks. Dams are typically 100-200 feet long and 5-7 feet high. This creates a pond upstream for use as their habitat.



## Lodges

A hollow mound-like structure made of sticks and mud. It has at least two underwater entrances and raised dry platforms. Located in the center of a pond or along a streambank.



## Canals

Built by the beaver to access fresh trees deeper in the forest, they provide protection and are used to float branches back to the pond.



## Burrows

Young beavers dig into the side of a stream bank to create temporary homes while building their dams and lodges.