

Welcome Chaperone! Explore the Museum's main building — the Nature Exploration Center (NEC) — and be on the lookout for the animals of North Carolina. This guide offers easy activities to help you engage your students in learning.

### Second floor, Mountains to the Sea gallery

#### North Carolina Mammals

**How many different mammals can you find in this gallery?**

**When you find the sleeping opossum ...**

Look carefully at the opossum. What is it doing? (*Sleeping.*)

Opossums sleep during the day. When do you sleep?

**When you find the beaver naturalist stand ...**

Compare your hand to the beaver's back foot. How is your hand different from the beaver's?

Look at the beaver's teeth. How are they different from yours?

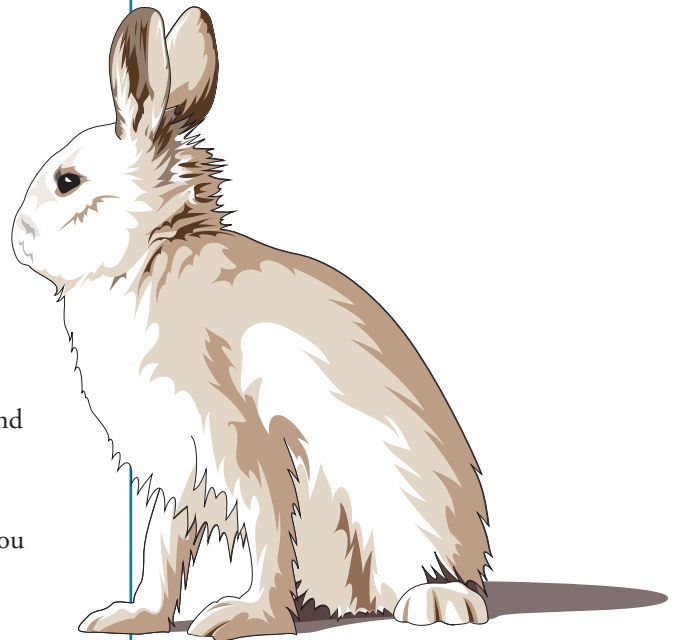
Touch the wood. Beavers use their teeth to chew wood. Can you feel the beaver chew marks?

**When you find the bat tree ...**

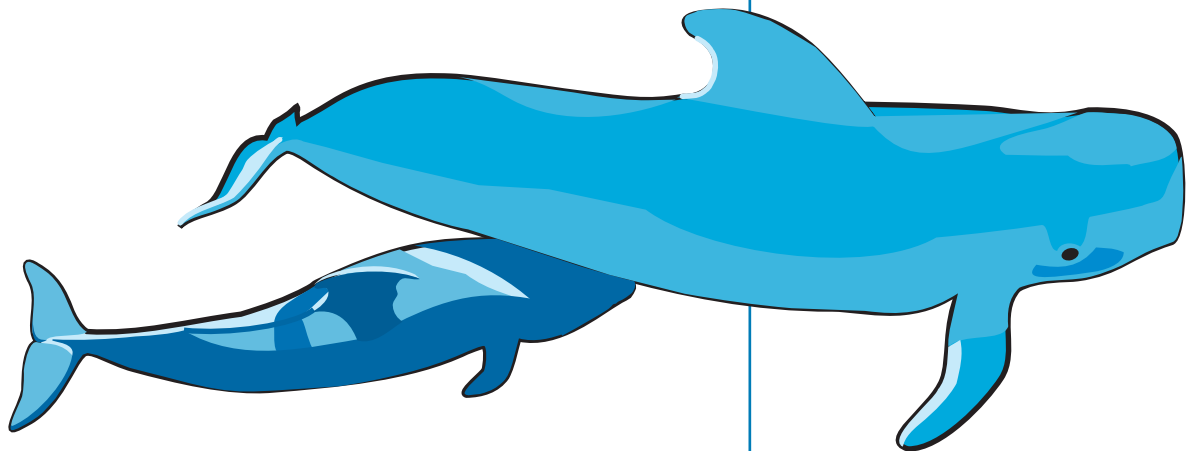
Go inside the tree and look up. How many bats are in the tree? (*Four bats in tree.*)

Look carefully at the bats. What are they doing? (*Sleeping.*)

Observe how the bats hang upside down by their feet. Can you hang upside down?



**Mammals have hair or fur on their bodies.**



**Baby mammals drink milk.**