



BC Wild Animal Homes

There are a lot of wild animals in BC and different animals have different needs, especially for the place they call home. Use the list below to see if you can find these animal homes where you live, or when you explore a new area. How many different homes can you find? Remember to be careful not to disturb the inhabitants!



Squirrel Drey

A soccer ball-sized nest, often built with twigs and leaves and nestled next to a tree trunk.



Badger Sett

Large badger-sized tunnels, often dug into slopes. Their entrances are slightly elliptical or round in shape. Badgers are endangered in BC and can be dangerous. Never approach a sett. Instead view it from afar.



Bird Nest

Made with twigs, grass, moss, and leaves. Tucked in among bushes and tree branches.



Spider Web

There are different types of web—look out for orb, funnel, and sheet webs. Hold a black piece of construction paper behind the web to see the details better!



Mouse Tunnels

Tiny, mouse-sized tunnels. Their entrances are about the size of a toonie.



Woodpecker Hole

Made by woodpeckers drilling with their beaks. Can you hear their rhythmic pecking?



Deadwood

Home to woodlice, stag beetles, and millipedes. What else can you find?



Bat Roost

Look out for the tell-tale black streak beneath holes in tree trunks. This is bat poo!



Mole Hills

Piles of soil pushed up out of the ground.



Rabbit Warren

Small, rabbit-sized tunnels dug into banks and under trees.



Beaver Dam

Built of sticks, stones, and mud, these dams create stream-flow ponds. Conical or dome-shaped lodges surrounded by water are also signs of a beaver.



Tree Hollow

Tucked into tree trunks, they're often home to owls.

Find a home or nest not on the list? Flip the paper over and draw it on the back!