

## Bats



One bat eats between 600 and 1,000 insects per hour! That's a lot of mosquitoes every night!

- Big Brown Bat
- Eastern Pipistrelle
- Red Bat
- Evening Bat
- Silver-haired Bat
- Southern Myotis
- Little Brown Myotis
- Eastern Red Bat

## Squirrels

- Eastern Gray Squirrel
- Southern Flying Squirrel

## Fox

- Red Fox
- Gray Fox

# MAMMAL CHECKLIST



Gray Squirrel

Photo by Marvin Powers

- Coyote
- White Tailed Deer
- Black Bear
- Opossum
- Striped Skunk  
Although extremely rare in this area, one was found south of this location in 2004.
- Nutria  
Native to South America, the Nutria was introduced into Louisiana in the 1930's for fur farming. Today it is considered a pest as it destroys wetlands.

- Woodchuck (Ground Hog)
- Raccoon
- River Otter
- Eastern Cottontail Rabbit
- Beaver  
Hunted to the point where they were listed extinct in VA in 1911, beavers were reintroduced in
- Long-Tailed Weasel
- Mice (7 Species)
- Voles (2 Species)
- Shrews (6 Species)
- Moles (2 Species)
- Wood Rat
- Muskrat
- Mink
- Bobcat
- Chipmunk

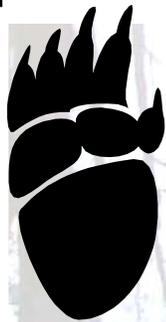


Bobcat

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## TRACKING ANIMALS

Often we don't see the animals, but if you know what to look for, their signs are easy to read.



Bear



Bobcat



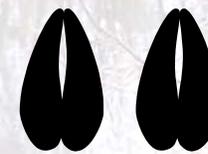
Rabbit



Fox



Raccoon



Deer



Beaver



Opossum

**Please don't litter!**



Opossum

**I'm watching you!**

### Mammals

There are nearly 5,000 species of living mammals. They are divided into three subclasses and roughly 26 orders. Mammals are a class of animals that have body hair, 3 middle ear bones (the malleus, incus, and stapes), and nurture their offspring with milk that females produce in modified sweat glands called mammary glands.

### Signs of Activity

- Tracks in the mud
- Scat (excrement)
- Paths
- Bank slides (worn mud paths)
- Nests (mounded earth, dams, debris piles, hollow logs, flattened grasses)
- Food caches or half-eaten food

### Dismal Swamp Canal Trail Chesapeake, VA



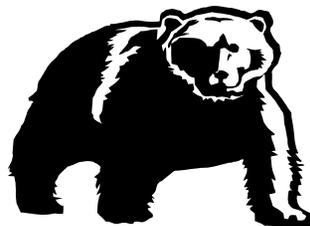
- In Chesapeake,
- From Greenbrier area take I-64 towards Suffolk, or from Western Branch take I-64 toward Virginia Beach. Take Exit 291B for Rt. 17-SOUTH. Follow Rt. 17 South beyond intersection w/Rt. 165 Turn RIGHT onto Rt. 17 Bus (George Washington Hwy.) About 1/2 mile to trail; entrance on LEFT.
  - From Elizabeth City, NC take Rt. 17 NORTH. Turn LEFT onto 17 Bus (George Washington Hwy.) About 1/2 mile to trail; entrance on LEFT.



Take a break. . . **Recre-8!**<sup>™</sup>

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**Chesapeake**  
VIRGINIA



The trail is open year-round from sunrise to sunset.

**For more information, contact  
Chesapeake Parks and Recreation  
at (757) 382-6411.**

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## MAMMAL GUIDE



Raccoon

Explore the  
***Great Dismal Swamp***  
from our 8.5 miles of safe, paved, multi-use trail! The only one of its kind in the U.S. Rich in history, the Great Dismal Swamp has intrigued man for centuries.

This park contains rare and endangered species! Please proceed with care. Do not attempt to feed or approach any wild animals!