

MIDWEST BEAVER NEWS

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A roundup of recent regional, national, and international beaver news curated for you!

2024 Midwest Beaver Summit Registration Is Open

The free, virtual 2024 Midwest Beaver Summit will be held on Wednesday, August 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. CT. We have a dynamite lineup of presentations and a slew of sponsors and co-hosts from throughout the Midwest!

Registrations have been coming in swiftly and we are attracting exactly the “right” kind of audience, with registrants who work at or are affiliated with environmental nonprofits; land trusts; federal, state, local, and Indigenous Tribal natural resource management agencies; watershed groups; and the public.

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BeaverCON 2024 Agenda Has Been Released

Looking for in-person beaver education? BeaverCON 2024 will be held at the University of Colorado-Boulder from October 21-23, 2024. The third biennial global gathering for knowledge-sharing about beavers will feature presentations, discussion, panels, and more about low-tech, process-based river restoration, beaver advocacy efforts, and the latest scientific research about ecosystem services.



[View the schedule](#)

Ann Arbor Botanical Garden Shows Off Its Beaver Kits

A video shared to Matthai Botanical Garden's social media on June 5 shows two baby beavers following an adult along a path near Fleming Creek, where staff first saw signs of beavers returning to the area last year. At that time, chewed tree trunks and branches placed across the creek gave staff the first inkling that the species had returned to the Ann Arbor, Michigan, property for the first time since the gardens opened in 1907.

[Watch the video](#)

Researchers Are Studying Impacts of BDAs on Stream Flow in Pennsylvania

Susquehanna University Assistant Professor Siobhan Fathel is studying how the addition of Beaver Dam Analogs (BDAs), a type of low-tech, process-based river restoration, impacts downstream stormwater flow and infrastructure. Undertaken in partnership with the Chesapeake Conservancy, Fathel's project is the first of its kind in Pennsylvania. Constructed with a few posts, a handful of branches and a lot of elbow grease, the dams have substantially decreased stormwater flow into the infrastructure downstream. The dams will also

hopefully cut down on pollutants flowing into the Chesapeake Bay.



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Oregon Beavers Reclassified to Gain Protections

Oregon beavers gained some protections when a new law dubbed the ‘Beaver Bill’ went into effect on July 1. Under HB 3464, it makes it much harder to kill a beaver, as they will now be classified as furbearers rather than predators. Although it won’t affect the hunting season or trapping on public lands, it’s still a step toward protecting population growth.

Moving forward, landowners can no longer just kill a beaver for being a nuisance, or because they’re worried the animal will gnaw through plants or crops. To kill a beaver, the landowner must go through a permitting process with the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department, which will require the landowner to undertake non-lethal mitigation strategies first. Exceptions may be made if beaver activity is “imminently threatening” to infrastructure, crops, or trees, but even then, landowners will need to get permission from the agency to kill the animals without a permit.

[Find out more about the new law](#)

British City Experiences Flood Reduction by Reintroducing Beavers

Researchers have found that two beavers are successfully reducing the risk of flooding in Plymouth. The University of Exeter has been studying the pair of Eurasian beavers at Poole Farm since they arrived in October 2023. Scientists found that during peak flows the result of the beavers' damming, alongside man-made leaky dams, had reduced the flow of water in the Bircham Valley by 23 percent. The Plymouth City Council said it was believed to be the first research of its kind to study the effect of the animals in an urban environment.



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