

Roots

We are sitting on roots
They keep the tree alive
Twisting and creaky trees
They need to grow branches
Trees are everything

Dylan Logan
6 yrs. old
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Grass
Trees
Berries

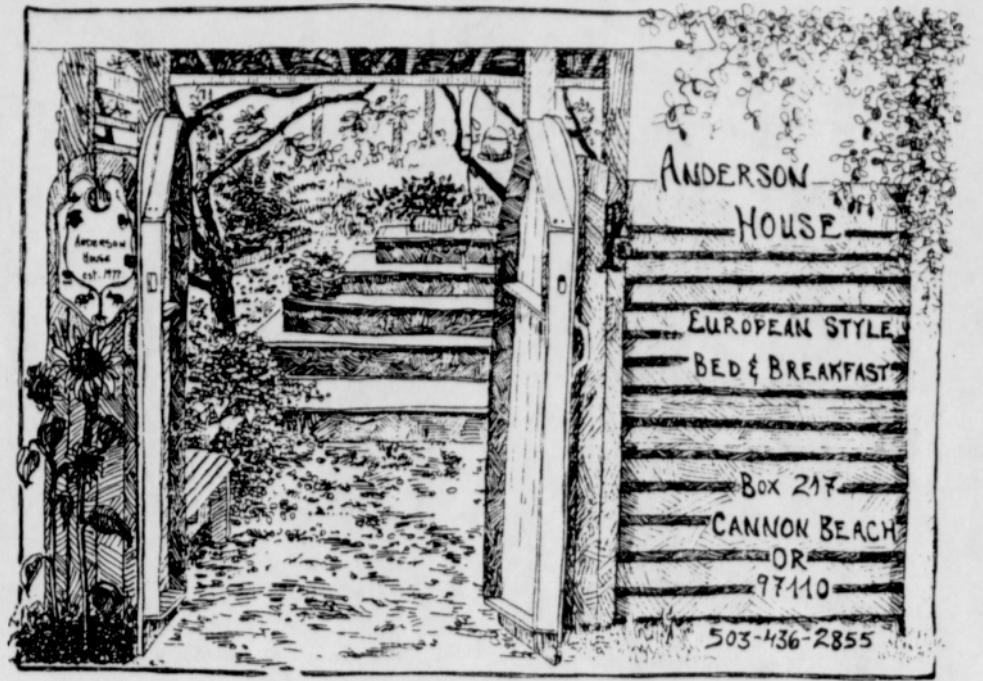
They grow on ground
where Indians lived.

Indians
Brown
Quiet

They hunted
They fished
They built boats
They sailed far, far away.

I wonder where they went.

Mina Beckman
7 yrs. old
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Nintendo Freaks

Hi!! My name is Zack. Me and my best friend Austin are going in the woods. Want to come? Wait it's pouring down rain out so why don't we go play 64.

Yah, that's a good idea.

OK, let's go.

Later... "Oh man, I didn't know we played for 8 hours. Yikes, where are we and what's that?" asked Zack.

"It looks like a mushroom except it has eyes and it moves," said Austin.

"You're all green," said Zack.

"You're all red and you look like Mario," said Austin.

"You look like Luigi. If you look like Luigi and I look like Mario then we must be in Nin..." shouted Zack.

"Wait, wait, wait, that mushroom thing is getting closer!" Austin said.

"That's what I was about to say but to jump on it," said Zack excitedly.

"OK 1, 2, 3, jump! Wait, what's that red block thing?" asked Austin.

"I don't know but let's jump in the mushroom first. 1, 2, 3, gotcha. Now what was that red block thing that you were talking about and where is it?" asked Zack.

"It's over there," said Austin.

"OK, let's go see what it is. Let's hit it," said Zack.

"Cool wing cap," said Austin.

"Oh yah, I remember we are supposed to go to the top of the hill, where the big bomb is," said Zack.

"OK so let's go," said Austin.

"Wait, we have to talk to him," said Zack. "I guess we don't. OK so we pick him up by the back and throw him," said Zack.

"OK here we are, let's fight big bomb," said Austin.

"OK you go first," said Zack.

"No way. Let's both go. He'll be too heavy for one of us," said Austin.

"Yah that's fine with me. Let's grab him... 1, 2, 3, get him!" said Zack.

"OK we got him, let's throw him," said Austin.

BANG.

"We got him! Now let's go get the star... Wait a minute, everything looks normal!" said Zack.

"Wow we better not play 64 that long any more," said Austin.

"Why not, we were in there for no time at all?" said Zack.

"OK, you can but I don't want to."

The End

By Adam Beckman, 9 yrs old, Tolovana Park

BEAVERS

Most beavers live in North America. Beavers are known for their skill at cutting down trees with their strong front teeth. They eat the bark and use the branches to build dams and lodges. Their dams make great habitat for the fish. Their homes are built of sticks or more firmly and solidly of mud. The room inside may measure 8 feet wide and up to 3 feet tall. A 1,000 foot beaver dam was found in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado. At least two families live in a lodge. Beavers' favorite bark includes willow, maple, alder, and aspen trees.

Beavers give birth to one litter of kits per year, usually between April and July. The litter usually contains 4 kits, but up to 8 are possible. The younger siblings stay with their parents for 2 years helping with the lodge and gathering food.

An adult beaver weighs 35 pounds, is about 30 inches long, and 12 inches tall. Beavers may live 20 years or more. Beavers have waterproof brown fur and black webbed feet. Their powerful hind legs also increase their swimming ability. Beavers can swim under water for 1/2 mile and can hold their breath for 15 minutes. Beavers can close their noses and ears while swimming under water. They have a clear eyelid to protect their eyes from the water and debris.

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