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Bandits of the Wild

Wearing black masks, raccoons are on the prowl at night. They may travel an area up to 20 square miles. Raccoons use their quick wits and nimble paws to get into trouble, and have been known to unlatch gates and open windows.

You can find raccoons near trees and water. They make their homes anywhere they can find a cozy corner: in hollow trees, burrows, and piles of brush, in barns and abandoned buildings, or in rocky caves or even dens that have been abandoned by other animals.

Raccoons have a remarkable ability to survive by changing with their surroundings. They eat everything, so they rarely starve. If their habitat is taken over by people, raccoons turn to garbage cans and cat food bowls for food. Raccoons like to dunk their food in water and play with water, but they don't always wash their food before they eat it.

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[A raccoon waits patiently for a snack.](#)

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[Raccoon](#)

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