

Welcome to Girl Scout Troop 1727's Animal Trail! This is post number 7/8.

Gray Fox Squirrel (Sciurus Niger)

The gray fox squirrel is a very common mammal in Tega Cay. They usually have gray or brown fur, and have long, bushy tails. They are right by the bottom of the food chain, but have many different ways to escape predators. One thing they do when feeling threatened is hide in trees, with hopes of camouflaging. They can also play dead or run away.

Gray fox squirrels run on four legs. Try running on your hands and knees!!

Squirrels have an important role, especially in forests! They bury seeds to use later in the year, but sometimes forget where some of them are. These seeds eventually grow up to become trees. They are nature's gardeners!

Gray fox squirrels can be found in trails, parks, and even your backyard! Try to keep an eye out for one.

Fact: Gray fox squirrels can find food beneath a foot of snow!

Gray fox squirrels play a very important role in Tega Cay, and make up much of our ecosystem.

