

HABITAT GO / FIND IN FAUNTLEROY PARK

Working as a team, find the following habitat features. Answer the questions about each, using what you already know about the natural world. Maybe you will learn more!



TEAM MEMBERS _____

LOOK FOR FUNGUS ON ROTTING WOOD (Hint: It can be small.)

1. Is the fungus alive? Try these clues to help you decide:

Likely Alive

- It's rubbery or smears when I poke it with a stick.
- It's firmly attached to the rotting wood.
- I see new growth coming along.

Likely Dead

- It's hard and dry looking.
- It crumbles when I poke it with a stick.
- I don't see any new growth.

2. If it appears to be alive, where might it be getting food and water? _____

3. What might the fungus be doing for this forest habitat? _____

LOOK FOR A PLACE WHERE AN ANIMAL COULD TAKE SHELTER

1. What kind of animal might use this shelter? _____

2. Why might an animal need this shelter?

- to hide
- to nest
- to sleep
- to stay dry
- other _____

3. Do you see evidence that an animal has been here? _____ If so, what do you see?

- fur or feathers
- nesting material
- hulls or other food leavings
- droppings
- a rubbed-against look
- other _____

LOOK FOR FRUIT -- A BERRY OR A NUT

1. Why do plants make fruit? _____

2. Where might the fruit you found have come from?

- tree
- bush
- fern
- moss
- Safeway
- other _____

3. What animals might eat this fruit? _____

4. How might this fruit get moved to another part of the woods? _____

LOOK FOR AN ANIMAL LIVING UNDER ROTTING WOOD

Find a piece of rotting wood on the ground. Gently lift it to have a look, then replace it.

1. What kinds of animal do you see?

worm beetle spider insect centipede other _____

2. If you don't see an animal, do you see evidence that one has been here?

eggs or egg sacs tunnels droppings web other _____

3. Where might these animals be getting food and water? _____

4. What appears to make this place a good choice for these animals? _____

LOOK FOR A LOG THAT IS DECOMPOSING

1. What is decomposition? What happens when something decomposes?

2. What do you see that is helping decompose the log?

worms or other critters moisture plant roots bird pecking fungus human activity
 other _____

3. What results of decomposition do you see?

sawdust fresh dirt soft, mushy wood other _____

LOOK FOR A PLANT LIVING ON ANOTHER LIVING PLANT

1. What kind of plant is this epiphyte (*pronounced "ep-ah-fight"*)?

fern vine moss fungus other _____

2. What kind of plant is it living on?

tree bush other _____

3. How might this epiphyte have gotten started here? _____

4. Where might this epiphyte be getting food and water? _____