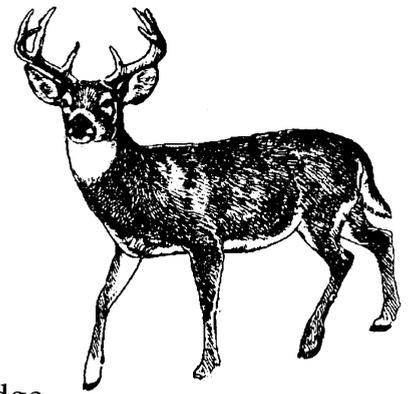


HABITATS

Pre-Visit Activity

Activity	Forest Animals Habitat
Setting	Classroom
Duration	45 minutes
Subject Areas	Language Arts, Science
Skills	Listening, Discovery, Repeating knowledge
Grade Level	K-1



Objectives:

Students will be able to:

1. list at least five forest animals
2. tell about each animal's food, water, and shelter

WV-IGOs:

Language Arts - K.1, K.8, 1.1, 1.13
Science - K.3, K.32, K.34, K.68, 1.5, 1.33, 1.70

VOCABULARY

habitat

MATERIALS

1. book *Forest Animals*
2. Resource Page — Forest Animals Habitat
3. paper
4. pencil or crayons

BACKGROUND

The mixed hardwood forest of New River Gorge offers a place for many animals to live. These habitats provide food, water, shelter, and space for each creature. This activity will identify some of these animals and explore their habitat and the needs provided within their habitat.

PROCEDURES

1. Read the book *Forest Animals* to the class. After reading about each animal, stop and discuss this animal's food, water, and shelter listed on the Resource Page — Forest Animals Habitat.
2. Once each animal's habitat has been discussed, ask students if they can recall one of the animals and tell about its food, where it gets its water, and where it makes its home (shelter). Allow as many of the students as time permits to tell about one of the animals.

EVALUATION

Ask the students what four things a habitat provides animals (food, water, shelter, and living space).

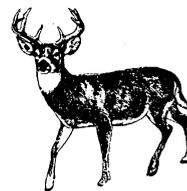
EXTENSION

Have the students draw a picture of one of the animals and its food, water, and shelter.



HABITATS

Resource Page — Forest Animals Habitat



White-Tailed Deer

- Food — twigs, shrubs, acorns, grass, and herbs
- Water — streams and rivers
- Shelter — dense forest floor

Cottontail Rabbit

- Food — grass, leaves, bark, and twigs
- Water — streams and small water holes
- Shelter — burrows in the ground or beneath brush piles

Chipmunk

- Food — seeds, bulbs, nuts, and insects
- Water — streams and small water holes
- Shelter — burrows underground and builds a nest

Red Fox

- Food — insects, small mammals, and berries
- Water — rivers and streams
- Shelter — burrows in ground to build a den

Beaver

- Food — bark and small twigs
- Water — rivers
- Shelter — builds a lodge of branches along the edge of the river

Red Squirrel

- Food — seeds, nuts, eggs, and fungi
- Water — streams and small water holes
- Shelter — nests in tree cavities or in tree branches

Raccoon

- Food — fruits, nuts, insects, frogs, crayfish, and bird eggs
- Water — rivers and streams
- Shelter — dens in hollow trees or logs

Opossum

- Food — fruits, vegetables, nuts, eggs
- Water — streams and rivers
- Shelter — old dens, hollow logs, and brush piles

Black Bear (Brown bears don't live in WV)

- Food — berries, nuts, tubers, insects, eggs, honey, and other dead animals
- Water — streams and rivers
- Shelter — hollow logs and natural caves

Skunk

- Food — mice, eggs, insects, grubs, and berries
- Water — streams and small water holes
- Shelter — burrows in ground and under rocks

