



LIFE ON A DECOMPOSING LOG

Over time, fallen trees decompose, or rot. Decomposing logs contain a surprising amount of life. With the help of creatures such as worms, insects, spiders, bacteria, and snails, dead trees are recycled back into the forest soil.

Look for a fallen log near the path. If possible, get up close to find out what's living on the log and under its bark. A magnifying glass will help. What does the log feel like? Do you see any signs that the log is turning into soil?