



**Baltimore Woods
Nature Center**
Nature in your hands

Ecosystem Challenge

Ecosystems are biological communities of interacting organisms and their physical environment. Examples of local natural ecosystems include; ponds, forests, streams, lakes, and meadows.

This week, visit a few local parks, like Baltimore Woods, and see how many different ecosystems you come across on your walk. Write down all the ecosystems that you discovered. When you come across a new ecosystem, look around for different plants and animals. Write down 5 different plants or animals that you saw or heard in each ecosystem.

Take time to research the ecosystems, plants, and animals that you wrote down. What do you know about these plants and animals? Could they be found in other ecosystems? What do they eat? If you visited this ecosystem in the winter would you see those same plants or hear the same animals?

