



Baltimore Woods
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Nature in your hands

Ecosystem Extravaganza

An ecosystem is a community of interacting organisms and their physical environment. Examples of natural ecosystems include; streams, ponds, forests, and fields. Choose three ecosystems to draw on a piece of paper. Write or draw the different plants and animals that live in these ecosystems. Think about how these plants and animals interact. Try creating a food chain for each ecosystem. What do the animals that you listed eat? Where do the plants that you listed get their energy from? Below is an example of a pond ecosystem with a food chain. Choose whatever ecosystems you would like and be creative!

Pond Ecosystem



Plants: Duckweed, cattails, water lily, algae.

Animals: Snapping turtles, painted turtles, green frogs, dragonflies, tadpoles, newts, water boatmen, snails.

Food Chain

Snapping turtle



Green frog



Snail



Algae



Sun