



SNAILS

Up to once a month, and snails may lay eggs that may look like small, white jelly pearls! Can you find eggs hidden in the leaves?



POOP

Scat is the poop from a predator, and droppings are from herbivores! Can you tell what sorts of mammals have visited?



WOODPECKERS

Woodpeckers love to visit rotting logs in search of insect snacks. Pileated Woodpeckers create rectangular holes in downed logs. Have any woodpeckers started drilling holes?



SALAMANDERS

The salamanders found in PA range from 2-20" long. What is the average length of the salamanders that live under this log?



WORMS

Earthworms eat decaying plants, fungi, bacteria, and soil. They leave behind what looks like dark, twisted clumps of soil behind, called castings. Do you observe evidence of worms even if you don't see the worm itself?

LIFE UNDER LOGS



FUNGI

There are over 7,000 different fungus species in Pennsylvania alone! How many species can you document?



TOADS

The American Toad can be different shades of brown depending on the temperature and humidity. What color toads can you find?



MOSS

Moss grows on any surface, such as rocks, trees, and soil, as long as there is water! What does the amount of moss here tell you about the log?



ISOPODS

These critters are also called "Roly-Polys" due to their ability to roll up to protect themselves. How many individuals can you spot?

MYCORRHIZAE

Mycorrhizae are like "roots" of fungus that connects the fungus to a plant. Do you observe any white threads under the log?