

Recommended Reading

A Log's Life by Wendy Pfeffer

Animal Hideaways by Anita Ganeri

Insect Detective by Steve Voake

Some Smug Slug by Pamela Duncan Edwards

Pond Circle by Betsy Franco

Pre Visit Activities

- Take a community walk to look for local animals and discuss how they might get what they need to live (i.e., Food, Shelter, Water, Space)
- Ask students to share how they take care of a pet
- Begin a Know, Wonder, Learn (KWL) chart about how can we protect animals and the places they live to bring with you to Forest Valley
- Several related books are available from the Forest Valley Lending Library. To borrow books, please contact us at ForestValleyOutdoorEdCentre@tdsb.on.ca.
- Review and share resources around local animals and their habitat: o City of Toronto, Biodiversity Series (Butterflies of Toronto, Spiders of Toronto, Fishes of Toronto, Mammals of Toronto, Reptiles of Toronto)

Post Visit Activities

- The class can walk to another eco system and look for evidence of ways animals have impacted our society.
- Students can create plays/skits/tableaus based around animal interactions and how humans impact the local environment.
- Students may identify and become involved in advocacy around protecting local green spaces (or other connected issue).
- Students may complete the inquiry process around a specific animal at Forest Valley, their school yard or home.
- Students can use a graphic organizer to compare the animals found at Forest Valley with those found in their school yard or at home.