

Forest Floor Terrarium Background Information



Food Chains/Webs

What is it?

A food chain shows the energy connections between living things. Leaf >>> millipede is a food chain that illustrates a millipede getting energy from a leaf. A food web shows multiple food chain connections among living things within an ecosystem. A food web for the forest floor is shown below.

How does it relate to this activity?

The forest floor environment provides the right conditions for bacteria and mold to decompose fallen organic matter. This matter provides energy for the rest of the food web.

