



LEAF LITTER DECOMPOSER HUNT

LESSON: THE GREAT FOOD WEB

■ SCOUT'S MISSION BRIEFING

Ranger, this field mission goes with Lesson 5.5. Get outside, use all your senses, and bring back your findings. The Web of Life is calling!

■ WHAT YOU NEED

- ☐ Magnifying glass (optional)
- ☐ Gloves
- ☐ Small notebook

■ YOUR MISSION STEPS

- 1 Find a pile of dead leaves, an old log, or dark damp soil.
- 2 GENTLY lift it up.
- 3 Count how many decomposers you can see in 60 seconds: worms, millipedes, woodlice, beetles, fungi, mould.
- 4 Put everything back EXACTLY as you found it.
- 5 Draw a tiny food web of what you saw.

■ RANGER REFLECTION

What would happen if all the decomposers disappeared? (Hint: the world would drown in dead stuff!)