

FOREST SITE STUDY

Directions: Investigate your forest site to see how much shade, animal evidence and soil wetness it has. Record your observations. For each factor, rate the site by number.

Site location: _____

SHADE



Observations:

See how much sunlight reaches the ground. Use your eye or a light meter to tell. What do you notice?

Rating:

Circle the number that matches your observations.

1. very bright
2. bright
3. medium light
4. shady
5. very shady

ANIMALS



Observations:

Record the animals (insects, birds, etc.) or evidence of animals (tracks, nests, chewed leaves) you see. Count the different kinds of animals or animal evidence.

Rating:

Circle the number that matches your observations.

1. no animals or evidence
2. one or two different ones
3. three different ones
4. four different ones
5. five or more different ones

SOIL WETNESS



Observations:

Use a stick or a trowel to scrape the surface of the ground, making a small hole the size of your palm and about one inch deep. Grab some soil in your fingers from the bottom of the hole. How does it feel?

Rating:

Circle the number that matches your observations.

1. completely dry
2. nearly dry
3. slightly moist
4. wet
5. very wet