On a bright and sunny morning there was a slight wind in the air. The wind stirred the buttercups and the trout lilies. Grass hoppers hop from place to place eating the grass and flowers, while trying to avoid the robins and leopard frogs. A colony of termites eat a rotting log while a pair of pileated woodpeckers enjoy their morning meal of termites.

**Delaware Water Gap Story**

The decaying leaves that litter the forest floor play host to a large number of ants and mushrooms that use the leaves as food. It also gives a rich bed of soil for the oak trees and spruce trees that populate the forest

On and over the tree tops there is just as much life as on the ground floor. Squirrels jump from tree to tree trying to find acorns from the oaks. Tiger beetles hunt insect larvae by running quickly from place to place. Garden spiders trap passing gnats and mosquitos in their nets that are strung between branches. Above the trees red tailed hawks and bald eagles soar lazily looking for trout, mice and rabbits,

After the sun had reached its zenith, a strange quiet came over the forest. The squirrels went back to their nests, a herd of deer paused from their grass grazing to look up nervously and the robins stopped chirping. Suddenly a loud shot fired out and sent all the animals running. An orange clad hunter stepped out from behind a bush and approached the large buck that he had just shot.