



Life is Messy

Healthy natural environments are complex and far from tidy.

Downed trees and flooded areas are the work of beavers. It may look messy, but that mess is filled with life. Consider the beauty of these trees hidden within the cycles of life and death, growth and rejuvenation; the intricate patterns made by insects burrowing under bark, and the delicate shapes of lichen growing above.

All of this living complexity thrives within the environment shaped by the beaver, ecosystem engineer and landscape artist.

Try It!

Look at a fallen log. It may look messy but try to see the life that it supports and the beauty that it adds to the landscape.

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