

**Fill in the blanks in this Ashokan Adventure Story
using the words from the word bank!**

I couldn't wait to go on a hike into the gorge and learn all about _____, my instructor told me it would cover how all the different plants and trees in the woods interact with each other! As we started our hike we passed so many fallen trees that were beginning to _____, but this is a good thing and can make new soil for future trees! One of the first trees we passed was the _____ and we got to explore these crazy patterns on its bark caused by the _____. The _____ is an _____ that originally came from Asia but is now all-over North America! There are so many beautiful trees on this trail! Did you know that some trees like the _____ and the _____ keep their needles all year round and are called _____? I love that there is still so much green in the forest even in the winter! I also love the colors that leaves change in the Fall, those trees are called _____ and one we saw on our hike is the _____. What an exciting hike this was, the Ashokan trails have so much _____, I've never seen so many different trees, plants and animals in one place!



WORD BANK

- Biodiversity
- Forest Ecology
- Coniferous
- Decompose
- Deciduous
- Invasive Species
- Emerald Ash Borer
- American Beech Tree
- American Ash Tree
- White Pine
- Eastern Hemlock