

# A Fawn in the Forest



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*White-tailed deer live in forests.*

Most white-tailed deer live in forests. Fawns are born in forests during the springtime. A fawn is a baby deer.

## A Baby Deer Grows Up

Follow the first few months of a fawn's life.

## Springtime Babies

White-tailed deer live in wooded areas such as forests. Mother deer give birth to one to three fawns in the spring. Many deer stay in the same area during most of their lives.

## Hidden from View

Mother deer leave their fawns to look for food. The fawn stays very still in a hidden spot. Fawns have white spots for camouflage. That helps the fawn hide.

## Forest Family

Later, the mother deer returns to feed her baby. She licks its fur to keep it clean. Then the mother deer takes the fawn to a new spot while she looks for more food.

## Forest Adventures

Eventually, the fawn goes with its mother to look for food such as grass and leaves. The fawn learns about the forest and meets other animals too!



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*The fawn stays very still while its mother goes to look for food.*

## Forest Friends

Spring is a wonderful time in the forest! Many forest animals are born in the spring.

## Cardinals

Mother cardinals lay their eggs in a nest. After about 12 days, the eggs hatch. The baby birds eat insects and worms.

## Raccoons

Mother raccoons make their **dens** in a tree. Raccoons learn to find food when they are still little.



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## Squirrels

Mother squirrels make their nests in trees. Baby squirrels drink their mother's milk. When they are older, they will eat nuts.