In the eastern part of New England, the forest floor in the late fall is a carpet of brilliant colors. The leaves, which have been clinging to the branches throughout the summer, are now falling, painting the landscape in hues of red, orange, and yellow. The deciduous trees are shedding their leaves, revealing their bare branches as they prepare for winter. The world around us is transformed by this annual display of nature's beauty. The forest floor is alive with activity as the animals prepare for the winter. The recent rain has softened the ground, making it easier for them to forage for food. The trees are losing their leaves, and the forest is gradually being cloaked in a blanket of decaying foliage. The air is crisp and fresh, and the sounds of nature fill the air. It is a time of transition and renewal, as the forest prepares for the depths of winter.