



## Become a Pond Explorer!

There is a whole new world waiting for you just outside. Take time to look and listen to the sights and sounds all around you.

Visit a pond or stream. Take along paper and pencils or crayons so you can list or draw all the things you find on your visit. Here are just some of the things you might find at a pond.

- Insects - many insects, such as flies, mosquitoes, and dragonflies, can be found near water.
- Frogs or salamanders
- Ducks and birds - ducks and birds like ponds because they can find insects to eat and water to drink. Listen to the different sounds the birds make. Each bird has its own different call. How many do you hear?
- Tadpoles or minnows - you may spy some of the tiny wiggly creatures near the edge of the pond.
- Plants - Tall grasses, flowers and cattails are common in areas surrounding ponds. How many different plants do you see?

Be a good citizen and pick up any garbage you may find on your visit. All of the creatures at the pond will be glad you are helping to protect their home.

**Caution:** Never leave children unattended near water.