



POND DWELLERS

A pond is a busy place in spring. With an adult, visit a pond (or a stream, lake, or river) near you. Check out all the interesting things you can find—both around and in it!

Keep a Record!

Date _____ Time _____
Location _____ Weather _____

Helpful Things to Take Along

- Clear container
- Pond field guide
- Small mesh fishing net

1 Find a place where you can sit still for a few minutes and notice what's happening around the pond.

- **What do you see?** Describe birds, frogs, insects, plantlife, and other things that you may spot.

- **What do you hear?** Describe any animal calls, plant rustlings, water and wind sounds.

2 Now carefully move close to the pond.

- Use a clear container to scoop up some pond water with tiny creatures in it. In the box at right, draw some of the pond dwellers that you scooped up. Add words to describe what they are doing and other details you notice. Return the creatures to the pond.

3 Use a small fishing net to catch insects, snails, tadpoles, or other pond animals. On the back of this sheet, draw their pictures. Add words to describe what they are doing. If you want, look them up in a field guide to find their names and other facts about them. Return the creatures to the pond.

