Some Signs of Autumn

Ranger Rick’s Nature Notebook

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!

Helpful Things to Take Along

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

Keep a Record!

Date _____  Time _____  Location _____________  Weather _____________

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.

2. Now carefully move close to the pond.
   - **What do you hear?** Describe any animal calls, plant rustlings, water and wind sounds.

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.