



POND DWELLERS

A pond is a busy place in the summer. Find a pond (or a lake, river, or stream) near you to visit. Then check out all the interesting things you can find in and around it!

Date _____ Time _____

Location _____

Weather _____

Helpful Things to Take Along:

- ✓ Clear containers
- ✓ Net
- ✓ Pond field guide

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? What do you hear?

2. What living things can you find in and around the pond? Try using:

- A container to scoop up some pond water with tiny creatures in it.
- A net to catch water insects, snails, tadpoles, or other animals.
- Just your eyes to spot birds, frogs, cattails, algae, and more.

In the box below (and on the back of this paper), draw some of the pond dwellers you see. Add words to describe what they are doing and other details you notice. If you want, look them up in a field guide to find their names and other facts about them.

