

Ranger Rick's ADVENTURES

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LAST MONTH, RANGER RICK RACCOON, SCARLETT FOX, AND BOOMER BADGER WERE HOPING TO MEET UP WITH LOGAN LEOPARD FROG FOR THE BIG SPRING FROG CONCERT. BOOMER WAS PLANNING TO PLAY HIS TUBA. BUT THEY COULDN'T FIND ANY FROGS—ONLY LOTS OF POLLUTION. WHEN THEY FINALLY FOUND THE FROGS AT THEIR NEW HOME, A HUGE BULLDOZER CAME CRASHING TOWARD THEM.



He's going to wreck this beautiful swamp!

Help!

Not if I have anything to do with it!

Boomer! Be careful!



YEEEEOOOWWW!



The driver can't stand the noise!



You did it, Boomer!

But won't he be back?



When we get home, we'll report what's happening here. Maybe someone will be able to stop all this for good!

In the meantime, let's play it safe and go over to Crystal Pond to have our concert.





Wow!
What a beautiful
place!

CREEK
CHIRP
CROAK
CRAWWWK



Welcome to
our happy
home!



A lot
happier than what
we saw on our way
here, that's for
sure!



We've
heard about
troubles other
frogs are
having.

But we're
lucky—people
don't harm us
here.



You may have
spoken too
soon. Look!



Oh, no—
not MORE
trouble!



I could
give those kids
the old tuba
treatment!



No—wait.
Let's sneak around
behind them and
see what they're
up to.



Hey—they're FrogWatch volunteers!

FrogWatch? What's that?

It's a program that helps scientists learn how frogs are doing all across the country.

People listen for frog calls, list the kinds they hear, and send reports to FrogWatch USA.

So instead of harming frogs, these people are helping them!

Well, then—let's give 'em a concert!



The concert sounds great, doesn't it?

Yeah, Boomer. Don't you want to join in with your tuba?

Nah—one performance a day is plenty for me.



MORE FACTS

People harm frogs in different ways. One is by polluting the water that frogs need for finding food and laying eggs. Another is by destroying the wetlands where they—and many other creatures—live. Here are some things YOU can do to help:

- If your yard has a lawn or garden, care for it without using harmful chemicals.
- Make your yard wildlife-friendly. By planting trees, bushes, and other plants, you can cut down on pollution and provide homes and food for many kinds of animals.
- To search for more information, ask an adult to go online at nwf.org/gardenforwildlife and click on "GARDEN-ING TIPS."
- Become a FrogWatch USA™ volunteer! To find out more, have an adult visit aza.org/frogwatch online.

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