

What is a WETLAND?

- Wetlands are important habitats! Many animals and plants make their homes in wetlands.
- Wetlands have soggy soil! The ground is almost always wet, so wear your boots when you explore one.
- Wetlands have lots of plants growing in them! In a swamp, there are trees growing out of the wet ground. In a bog, there might be cranberry bushes growing.



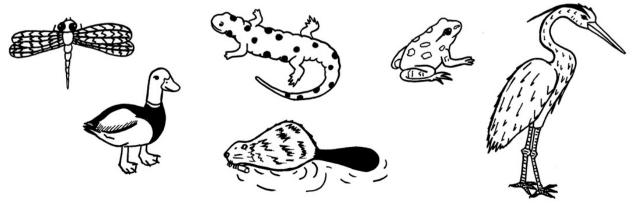
Have YOU heard of any these wetlands: swamps, marshes, bogs, vernal pools, or ponds?

Materials:

- Wetland background (see below)
- Wetland animal drawings (see below)
- Scissors and glue
- Colored pencils, crayons, markers, etc.

Directions:

- 1. Color in the wetland background provided or draw your own!
- 2. What animals do you want in your wetland? Cut out the animal drawings provided to paste onto your wetland or use them to trace multiple animals. You can always draw your own!
- 3. Next time you take a hike, look for a wetland to explore. What do you see? What do you hear?



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