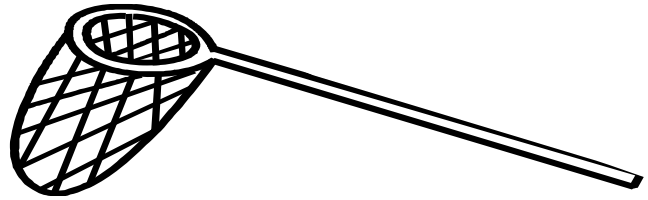


Pond Dipping Code



Before you start

1. Identify a pond and get permission from the landowners and from your teachers, parents or another responsible adult.
2. Find your wellies, a net and some suitable collecting pots.
3. Check for cuts on your hands, wear gloves if you need to.

At the pond

4. Carefully fill your largest pot full of pond water. (From now on try not to touch your face with your hands)
5. Gently sweep your net in an S shape in the water. Remember creatures live on the top, on the bottom and in the middle of the pond.
6. Check if you have any creatures in your net and get them in your pot as soon as possible. Remember creatures that live in the water need to stay wet. (Be careful with your net or you may hit someone who is stood behind you)
7. Look carefully at your creatures. If you have a book or an ID key see if you can identify what they are.
8. Try dipping in other areas of the pond but remember watch where you are standing and don't lean too far.

When you have finished

1. Gently tip the creatures back into the pond
2. Make sure there are definitely no creatures or pond weed in your collecting pots or nets.
3. Wash your hands

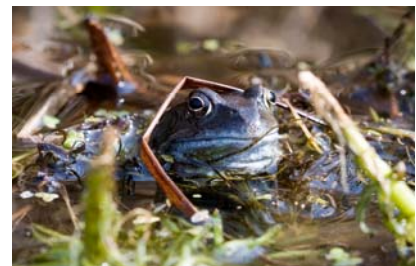
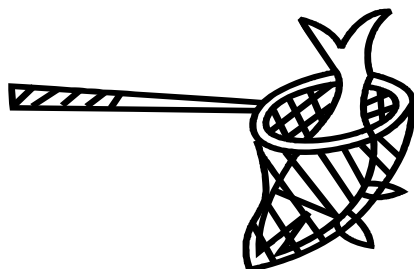


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