



POND STUDY

A pond is a place that's bursting with life. Imagine you are a scientist who has just discovered a new pond, and you need to make a record of all the living things there. First, find a nearby pond. Then list your observations below. Don't worry if you don't know a plant or animal's name — you can make up one that describes something special about it.

Keep a Record!

Date _____ Time _____

Location _____

Weather _____

Helpful Things to Take Along

- Pond field guide
- Net, scoop, buckets
- Magnifying glass

What trees and plants are growing around or in the pond? Describe or draw them here.

What signs of animals do you observe around the pond? Listen for birds, insects, or frogs calling. Look for tracks, scat, chewed leaves, and other signs. Explain what the signs tell you about what lives here.

Now look in the water. Use a net or bucket and see what you can catch. On the back of this page, describe or draw the creatures you find.

