

## Pond dipping

### What is pond dipping?

It is a lot of fun. You dip a net into a pond and catch animals that are in the water.

### What do you need?

- You must always be with an adult.
- You need a net, lens, boots, plastic box, paper and pen
- A book about pond creatures is helpful if you have got one.
- A pond that has a flat bank and no mud to slip on.

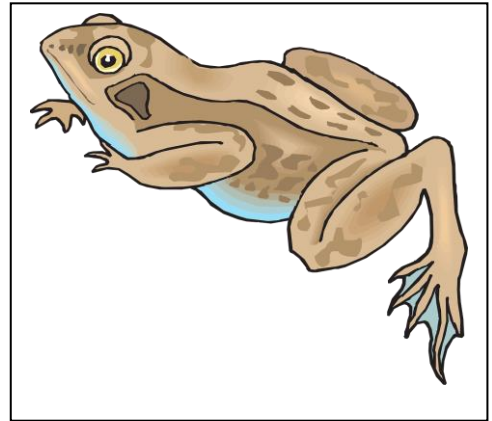
### How to pond dip:

- Fill the box with water.
- Dip the net into the pond.
- Keep hands and fingers out of the water.
- Lift out the net and tip the contents into the plastic box.

## What did you catch?

- Look at the animals in the box.
- Do not prod or pick up the creatures.
- A lens will help you to see the animals better.
- You might find some of the creatures from the list below:

- water boatman
- frog
- water snail
- leech
- toad
- pond weed
- freshwater shrimp



- You can look for the animals you have got in your box in a pond book.

## Don't forget!

- Put all the creatures back in the water when you have finished.
- You could visit the local nature reserve and try this.