

Pond Dipping



Pond dipping is a great way to get close to the wonderful animals that live in the pond.

You need:

A long-handled net
A bowl or tray
Magnifying glass
ID guide
Camera

How to Guide:

1. Don't disturb the wildlife. **Move slowly and quietly** as you approach the pond.
2. **Think about where you are going to dip.** Most creatures are usually found near the edges or by plants.
3. When you have chosen your spot, an adult should **half-fill the container** with water.
4. **Kneel down** at the edge of the platform. Slowly lower your net into the water and move it in a **figure of eight**. Gently lift it out of the water. Empty the net into your container by **turning it inside out**.
5. Take time to **examine and record** the catch.
6. **Return the creatures** by gently tipping your container out close to the water.

Don't touch the creatures or tip them out from a height as the shock may kill them.

Happy Dipping and don't forget to wash your hands after the activity!

In Our Pond



Look out for these creatures in and around the pond



Dragonfly nymph



Tadpoles



Water louse



Water boatman



Great pond snail



Newt

Keep Safe

- Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- Cover wounds with a waterproof dressing.
- Wear waterproof gloves.
- Keep children and our pond animals safe - carefully read the instructions to your children before you begin.
- Pond dipping is undertaken at your own risk. Friends of Firs Farm are not responsible for the water quality or safety of the site.

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