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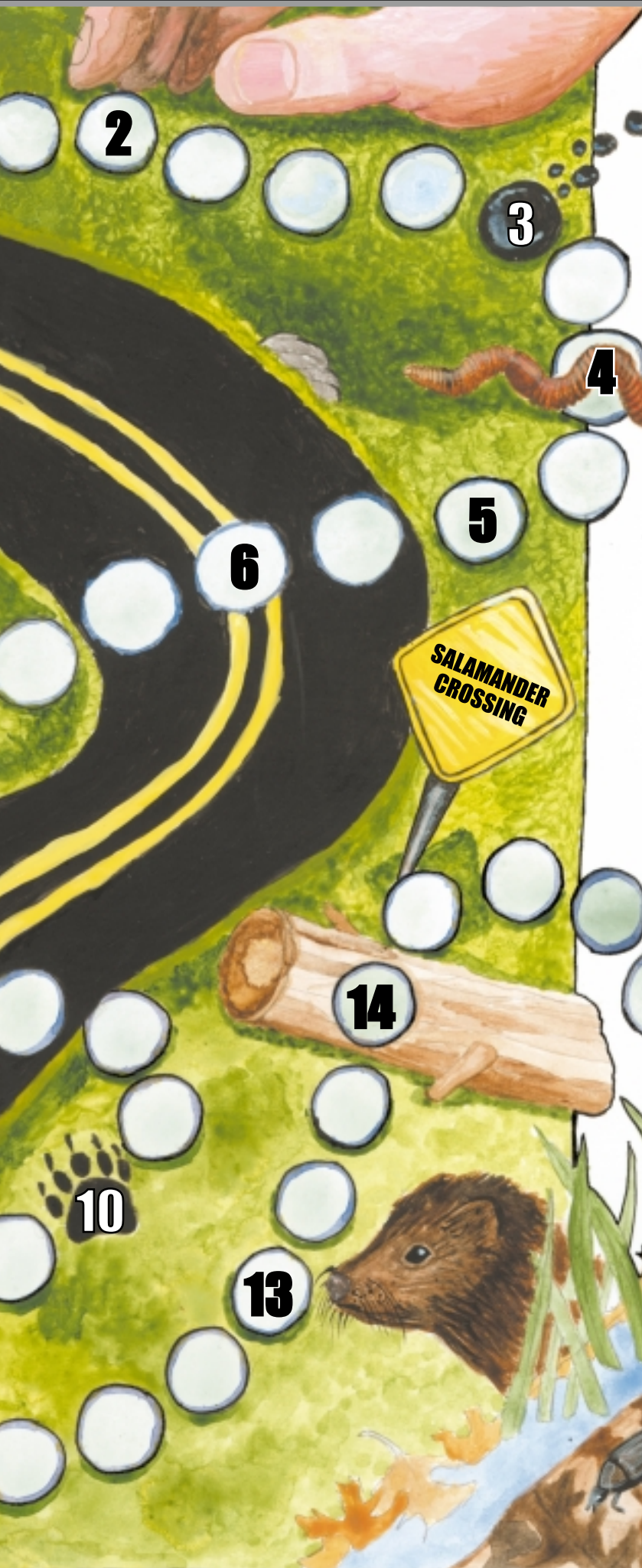
When you think of migration, you probably envision a flock of geese flying south for the winter. But many other animals also migrate, including amphibians. Many frogs, toads and salamanders migrate short distances each spring or fall to breed. They often choose *vernal ponds* in which they lay their eggs. These temporary ponds usually fill with rain and snowmelt each spring, but dry up in the summer. They make great places for amphibian larvae to hatch and grow, since there are few predators living in them.

The spotted salamander is one amphibian that migrates from its forest habitat to vernal ponds each spring. It encounters many obstacles along the journey, both natural and manmade. Here's your chance to live the life of a spotted salamander. Think you have the skills to survive your migration journey? For each turn, let each player cast one die. Good luck!



Visit the Commission's web site, www.fish.state.pa.us, for information on amphibian identification.





1. Oops! You crossed the road and a car ran over your foot! Go back two spaces.
2. Look out! A human found you and decided to take you home for a while. Go back one space.
3. Oil! Someone left it in the wrong place. Take two steps back.
4. A worm! Food! Take one step forward!
5. Congratulations! You chose to take the tunnel, possibly saving your life and placing you four steps ahead in the game.
6. Look out! Another car! Take three steps back.
7. A beetle! More food for salamanders. Take three steps forward.
8. Hide in the leaves! Skip your turn to hide in the leaves.
9. Car! Take two steps back until you recover.
10. Skunk! You don't have to worry about the smell. It's the teeth that will harm you when the skunk tries to eat you!
11. Good thinking! You hid in the weeds while an owl flew past. Take three steps forward.
12. Water! You need this! Salamanders can't live without it!
13. Look out! A mink almost caught you. Take two steps back.
14. Dead end! A log is in your way. Skip your turn.