

Collecting Critters

Yuk! That's slimy! Eek! I don't want to touch that! Gross! It's ugly!! What's all the yelling about? It's just a stonefly!

Finding critters in the water is fun and educational. The critters can let you know how clean the water is or what type of fish you might find there.

If you go looking for bugs, critters, creatures, and more in the water, use the following set of guidelines to help you protect what you may find.

- Tread very lightly. Remember, you are walking on or in their homes - this is their habitat. Only send 1 or 2 people out at a time.

- Be very careful when turning rocks over - turn them over slowly.

- When you find whatever critter you may have been looking for, put them in a container with water on the shore.

- Have a microscope or magnifying glass to get a close up look at them. It also helps to have a bug book to assist you in identifying what you find.

- Make sure you have an adult present or be sure to tell an adult where you are going.

- As soon as you are done looking at your critters, place them gently back into the water - do not throw them or dump them.



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MAYFLY NYMPH

CADDISFLY LARVA

DRAGONFLY NYMPH

BLACK FLY LARVA