

What Lives in the Water?

Discover aquatic invertebrates near you!

Caution: Always supervise children near water.

Materials Needed:

Small fish net, cup, or shallow pan to scoop water. White plastic bin or other small container, white plastic spoon, ice cube tray for viewing and sorting, magnifying glass (optional).

Instructions:

Step 1 Find water near you (pond or stream).

Step 2 With the help of an adult, scoop out some water from a shallow area with leaf litter or next to plants.

Pour several scoops of water into the larger container.

Wait for the water to settle.

Step 3

Explore Aquatic Invertebrates

Water is needed for all life on Earth! Exploring tiny animals living in water near us is a fun way to explore the diversity of life at a different scale!

Some insect species begin life in the water before they become flying insects.