

ROCK & LOG

WILDLIFE WONDERS!

Reptiles (snakes, turtles, lizards and skinks) and amphibians (frogs, toads and salamanders) are active in warm weather. We hope you're lucky enough to see some of these amazing animals on your outdoor adventures.

Amphibians have skin that is permeable and must stay moist. Don't pick up amphibians if you have sunscreen, bug spray, lotion or other residue on your hands.

Help scientists better understand reptile and amphibian populations in Pennsylvania by reporting your sightings to the Pennsylvania Amphibian & Reptile Survey (PARS). When people submit their sightings, it helps scientists better understand the animal's status and location.



PARS:



Turtle Crossings

Turtles may be seen crossing roads in the spring and summer. Remember, safety first when helping a turtle cross to the other side. Don't endanger yourself.

- Never hold a turtle by its tail, because it can injure the turtle.
- Use extra caution when encountering a Snapping Turtle. The Snapping Turtle has a strong bite and far reach. Gently move it along with a branch or broom.
- Return a turtle to the side of the road in the direction it was heading.

Snake Encounters

- Snakes normally try to flee when a person approaches.
- Snakes are usually only aggressive when they feel threatened.
- Most snakes in Pennsylvania are non-venomous. However, it's best not to pick them up.
- Snakes are an important part of nature and shouldn't be harmed.



EXPLORE PA WATERS



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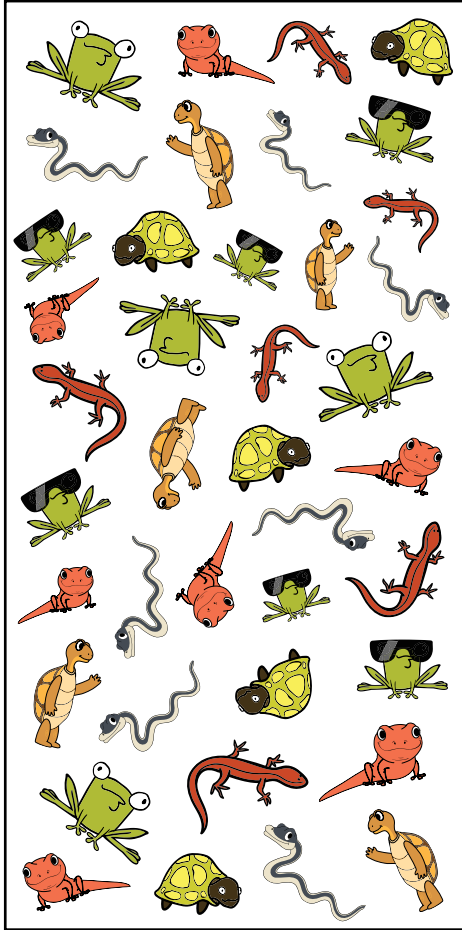


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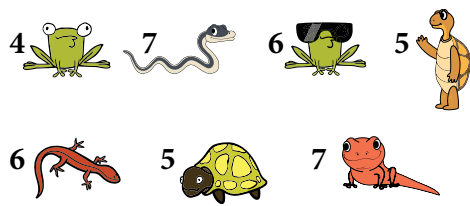


I SPY Amphibians and Reptiles

Find the reptiles and amphibians using the key.



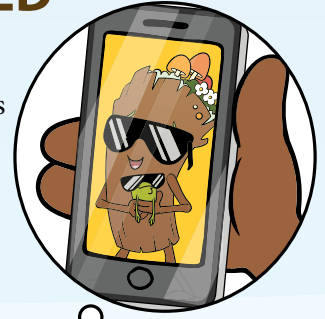
The Key:



KEEP THEM WILD

Wild animals don't make good pets. It's difficult to provide the food and habitat that wild animals need. Taking just one reptile or amphibian can be harmful to the local population. When you see a cool critter, take time to observe and appreciate it.

- Watch the animal at a comfortable distance.
- Take photos.
- Make sketches and notes about its appearance and behavior.
- Keep a nature journal.



KNOW THE LAW

It's illegal to take or keep most species of reptiles and amphibians. Check the current *Pennsylvania Fishing Summary* for regulations.



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