



POND DIPPING!

Water is everywhere in Seven Lochs - from lochs, ponds, wetlands and bogs. Wet habitats are important for many different animals and plants, and also help to prevent flooding in our communities.



You will need

- A tub (a light coloured tub from the recycling bin works well)
- Small net (or a kitchen sieve works well)
- Pond dipping activity sheet
- Pencil



Keep in mind

- Keep safe near the water - find firm ground to stand on
- Wash hands and equipment in hot soapy water afterwards

John Muir Award

- Discover
- Explore
- Conserve
- Share



What to do

- Find a safe edge of a pond or loch.
- Move slowly and quietly - what can you already see at the edge of the pond and under the surface of the water?
- Carefully scoop some pond water up into the tub.
- Slowly pull the net or sieve through the pond water, then place it in the tub.
- Look into the tub and sieve - can you see any insects and animals?
- Use the activity sheet to see if you can find some pond wildlife!
- Share photos of what you find with us on social media #SevenLochs
- At the end, carefully pour the water from the tub back into the pond. Make sure all the wildlife gets back into the pond safely!



A great place for this activity is....

- Garnqueen Loch
- Cardowan Moss





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Activity Sheet

Can you spot....



Water snail



Pond skater



Backswimmer



Water louse



Insect larvae



Water scorpion

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