Learn more about the pond in the South Carolina Botanical Garden, or another pond you know.

Listen to this book online with Ms. Sue here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ScNO5Xd1ZHA

Take the scavenger hunt to visit the pond and see what pond creatures you can find with your child.

Complete crafts and other activities.

**Animals you meet In the Small, Small Pond**
Which ones can you find in your pond? Not all ponds are the same!

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Note: A heron or a crayfish would be a rare and wonderful find. We don’t have muskrats in S.C.
Make Your Own Pond Scavenger Hunt
What cool creatures did you discover?
The frog is the star of this book!
Can you find the frog on every page?

Color me!
There are a number of big and small ponds throughout the SCBG. Each one is full of life! Please take care around all water bodies.
Frogs

Life cycle of a frog

FUN FACT: Toads are frogs!

• Finding frogs at every stage of their lifecycle is a fun activity to share with children.

• Tadpoles are the easiest to find in ponds, adult frogs and eggs are more of a challenge.

• Look for frogs in and around bodies of water, under rocks or logs.

• It is often easier to hear frogs than see them! Listen to frog sounds https://tinyurl.com/y6nkqwra

• If you can, go out on a rainy spring night to look for them with a flash light.

Handling stresses any animal - try to observe only.
If you do pick up a frog -

• take great care, they are delicate
• wash your hands before - oils and dirt can penetrate a frog's skin
• wash your hands after - frogs can carry harmful bacteria
Can you wiggle jiggle?

Look for tadpoles in the shallows at the water’s edge

Make a parade!

If the goose is not at the pond, look in the pool near the waterfall at the Hunt Cabin.
Can you fly like a dragonfly?

There are many different types of dragonflies - what colors can you spot, are they big or small?

Turtles like to get in the sun, can you see any on a log by the water?

Can you pretend to be sleepy!
Look for birds as you walk around the pond? Can you see a red bird, a brown bird, a black bird?

Can you stand really still, like a heron looking for fish?

There are big fish and small in the pond? What colors and sizes can you spot?

Can you see the minnows scatter?
Life Cycle of a Frog

- Eggs
- Adult
- Tadpole with legs
- Froglet

Color me!
Make a frog

What you need:

Sheet each of blue, white, green card or paper
Strip of red construction paper (color regular paper red if necessary)
Paper plate
Green paint/markers/crayons
Glue
Scissors
Pencil

Color the plate green.
Trace around the child’s hands.
Cut out hands
Cut 2 round circles for eyes

Glue on the blue sheet in the following order: hands, plate, eyes.

Roll red strip around a pencil and glue to the mouth.

Lily pad games

Print and cut out multiple

1. Use lily pads to encourage jumping.

2. Matching numbers -
Write numbers and dots on lily pads.
Match the number and dots.

3. Number the pads 1-10 and play frog hop scotch.

4. Counting game, below.
Make a frog card

Cut out the frog and lily pad.

Fold another piece of paper or card in half

Glue the lily pad onto the front of the folded paper and then the frog onto the lily pad.

You now have your own frog card.
Find a lovely log

Cut out the frogs and glue to popsicle stick or fingers for finger play

Five Green and Speckled Frogs

Five green and speckled frogs sat on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious bugs -- YUM YUM!
One jumped into the pool where it was nice and cool
Then there were four green and speckled frogs.

Four green and speckled frogs sat on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious bugs -- YUM YUM!
One jumped into the pool where it was nice and cool
Then there were three green and speckled frogs.

... etc.
See you around!