



POND DIPPING

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KEY BENEFITS

Scientific Observation

Introduces identification of pond organisms and scientific methods.

Ethical Handling

Develops careful handling and ethical sampling techniques around wildlife.

Ecosystem Learning

Teaches food chains, habitats, and predator/prey relationships.

Biodiversity Appreciation

Fosters curiosity and appreciation for freshwater biodiversity.

KEY HAZARDS & CONTROL MEASURES**Falling Into Water**

- ✓ Set clear boundaries from edge
- ✓ Throw rope/buoyancy aid nearby
- ✓ Close supervision at all times
- ✓ Brief on staying back from edge

Contaminated Water

- ✓ Check water quality beforehand
- ✓ Cover cuts before activity
- ✓ No hand-to-mouth contact
- ✓ Handwashing after session

Slippery Pond Edge

- ✓ Suitable footwear required
- ✓ Clear vegetation near edge
- ✓ Use dipping platforms if available
- ✓ Limit numbers at pond edge

Weather Exposure

- ✓ Sun cream and hats provided
- ✓ Shelter or shade nearby
- ✓ Drinking water available
- ✓ Appropriate clothing layers



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