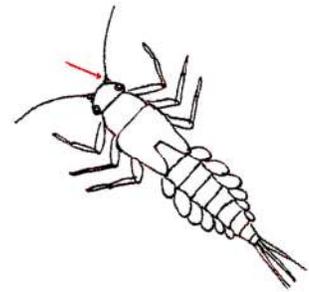


Creek Critters

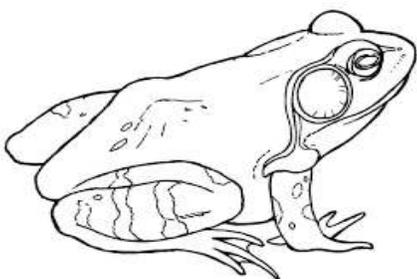
Scavenger Hunt

Instructions: Visit a local creek and see how many of the items below can you find? As you find each item, check the box next to it and read on the back about how it helps wildlife!

- A riffle (area where water is tumbling over the rocks)
- Deep pool
- Big rocks
- Fallen tree
- fish
- a frog
- Flying insect
- 3 different bugs that lives under rocks in the water
- trash
- Handful of dead leaves in the water



What was your favorite item? Draw a picture, or take a photo of it and share it with us on Instagram #ButlerSWCD



Creek Critters

Riffle

These areas of quicker moving water add oxygen to the water. Oxygen is a basic need of animals, they cannot live without it.

Deep Pool

These slow moving deep areas of water are important habitat for large fish.

Big Rocks

Can you find any rocks bigger than a basketball? These big rocks provide sheltered areas on their downstream side for small fish. Many tiny creatures burrow down and make their home under these big rocks.

Fallen tree

These provide great areas for fish, turtles, snakes, and other animals to hide.

Fish

There are lots of kinds of fish. The Ohio Division of Wildlife has a great “Stream Fish of Ohio guidebook” which is available online to download. What type did you see?

Frog

These amphibians can be really well camouflaged. What life stage did you see? Was it an adult frog, or a baby tadpole?

Flying insect

Lots of flying insects start of life underwater as an egg, then hatch into a larvae or nymph. Often the adult “bugs” live around the water so they can lay eggs and start the cycle again.

Trash

Sadly we often find trash in the creeks. It hasn't always been dropped there, it can be dropped in neighborhoods and roads that are further away. When it rains this trash can be washed into the storm drain along the side of the road, where it is carried underground by pipes to the creek. Have you seen trash in your yard that you could pick up to stop it washing to the creek?

Dead leaves

Dead leaves provide food to animals such as roly polies who are herbivores (only eat plants). These leaves also provide shelter for many tiny stream bugs.