



# Campbell Creek Science Center

## Creek Critters

Many small insects, worms, and other living creatures live in creeks and rivers. Head down to the water to see what you can find!

### Directions

1. Fill your container with water from a nearby stream or creek.
2. Carefully pull up a rock from the creek or stream that is larger than your fist. Do you see any creatures clinging to it?
3. Gently pick any creatures off the rock and place them into your container of water. Repeat with another rock.
4. What details do you notice? How many legs do the creatures have? How many tails? How do they move?
5. Draw one of the creatures you found, making your drawing as detailed as you can. Label any features you notice.
6. Repeat this activity in another creek or river. What differences do you notice?
7. **Remember:** Put your creatures back where you found them!

### Materials

- Ice cube tray or a cup
- Pencil and paper
- Hand lens (optional)
- Waterproof boots (optional)

### Questions

- What types of creatures can you find in the creeks and rivers?
- How do small living creatures survive in streams or creeks?

**Creek Cautions:** Creeks are full of flowing water and the water can be deep and cold! Always take an adult with you and do not go in too deep.



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