

Sign 5

Does Zoe discover if there is a Swamp Monster?

Sign 6

Draw a line from the animal to its favorite food.

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| Raccoon | fir cone seeds |
| Douglas squirrel | fly |
| Garter snake | berries |
| Chickadee | chorus frog |
| Fox | mosquito |
| Chorus frog | Douglas squirrel |

Sign 7

Can you tell where the swamp ends and the forest begins? Look around you and see if there is a change in the types of plants, which could indicate a wetland.

Answers: raccoon — berries; squirrel — fir cone seeds; garter snake — chorus frog; chickadee — fly; mosquito; fox — squirrel; chorus frog — fly.

What is Zoe and the Swamp Monster?

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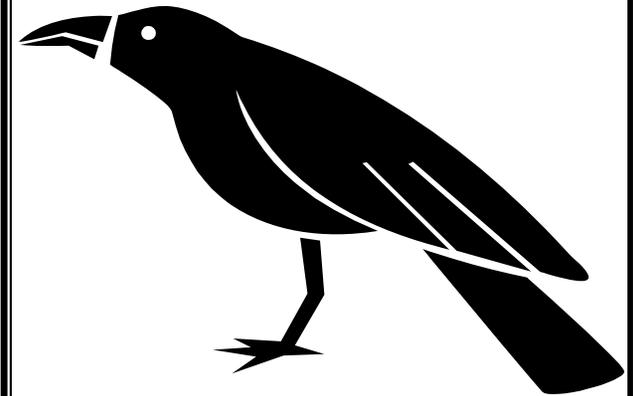
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As you hike along the Swamp Trail, you will come across seven interpretive signs. Each sign is like a page in a book. Use the story and this interactive guide to help your young child to begin thinking about nature.

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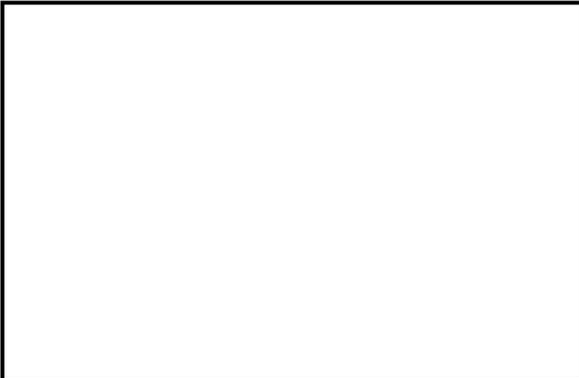
What is a swamp?

A swamp is a wetland and the definition of a wetland is: "a low area where the land is saturated with water." As you read the *Zoe and the Swamp Monster* story, you will find that many wild animals live in and need wetlands as part of their forest home.

Sign 1

Do you think there is really a Swamp Monster?

If there was such a thing as a Swamp Monster, draw what you think the monster's feet would look like. What special shape of feet would help the Swamp Monster walk through wetlands and mud, and not sink?



Sign 2

You are in the home of forest animals. When talking, should you use loud or quiet voices?

Sign 3

Salmon berries line the trail during spring. They are a favorite food of many animals and birds.

Remember, never eat any berries unless an adult tells you it is okay.



As you walk along the trail, do you hear a Douglas squirrel "scolding" you? "Scolding" lets all the neighborhood squirrels know that you are nearby. Also, you may see



Douglas-fir cones scattered along the trail. The seeds in the fir cones are a main source of food for squirrels.

The squirrels eat the seeds or store the fir cones in a hollow of a tree to eat later.

Sign 4

All owls eat birds or small animals like mice or squirrels. They swallow this food whole, without chewing. Then, they throw up the bones and feathers, which is called an owl pellet.

All animals, including you, need three things to live. Circle the three things you need in order to survive:



Toys



Food



Water



Money



Shelter



Television

Answer: People and other animals need to have food, water and shelter in order to live.