



Wetlands Habitat

1ST AND 2ND GRADE
SUMMER LESSONS



Extended Learning Partnership

Wetlands

Today we watched a video about wetlands. Wetlands are a very diverse kind of habitat because they have lots of different kinds of areas and animals in them. Wetlands are covered with water for at least part of the year, like swamps and marshes. Wetlands are also where rivers flow into the ocean.

A marsh or swamp may have three different kinds of areas for animals to live – underwater, on the ground and in trees. Different animals live in these different areas. A fish or frog underwater has gills to get oxygen and skin that has to be wet. An alligator on the ground has powerful legs for digging and a tail that helps them swim. Many birds in the wetlands have special legs for walking in water and swimming. Different birds have different beaks for what they eat, and some birds sleep in the trees for safety. Animals use many parts of their habitats, a bird may sit in trees but then eat fish that live in the water and use the grass from the ground to make nests.

Activity:

- Draw a wetland habitat and include at least three different animals.
- You can make your by collecting materials to make a nest or a fort.

Writing prompt:

- Have you ever been to a wetland? Write about what you did there and what animals you saw. How is the wetland you visited different from your home?
- Imagine you made a wetland. How would you make it a good home for many different animals?

Math:

- Caitlin counted 48 flamingoes, but then 18 flew away. How many flamingoes are left?
- Amber saw 13 alligators while visiting a wetland. Write the place value of each number.
- Solve the problems with any strategy you want! Share your answers on Teams.

Check for Understanding:

- Why are wetlands special as a habitat?

