

**Field Journal
for**

muddy paws marsh



PVCA's Mission is to serve as a steward for the natural and cultural communities in the Upper Penns Creek watershed. We seek to preserve and honor the agricultural roots of Penns Valley by protecting and conserving its waters, farmlands, forests and rural heritage.

PVCA's Vision: We envision an engaged community, where growth is balanced with support for healthy natural systems that foster the local economy. Our valley has dark night skies, clear streams, healthy forests, prosperous farms, and local jobs.

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5th – 6th Grade Field Journal



How to use your Field Journal:

This field journal is yours to keep. You can fill it out during the program and use it in your classroom or at home. Field journals have many uses and help you keep track of what you are doing while on the field trip. Scientists use field journals to record the plants, animals, and habitats they observe. Scientists will use charts, drawings and written descriptions to help them remember what they did “in the field” and then study the information and make discoveries. Their notes are often shared with other scientists so they can compare discoveries. Explore!

Muddy Paws Scavenger Hunt

 <p>Frog</p>	 <p>Dragonfly</p>	 <p>Turtle</p>	 <p>Muddy Paws/Animal Tracks</p>
 <p>Great Blue Heron</p>	 <p>Cattails</p>	 <p>Red wing Blackbird</p>	 <p>Tree-Conifer (evergreen, cones)</p>
 <p>Penns Creek</p>	 <p>Goose</p>	 <p>Flowers</p>	 <p>Duck</p>
 <p>Snake</p>	 <p>Tree Deciduous (fruit, nuts, leaves that fall)</p>	 <p>Muskrat</p>	 <p>Butterfly</p>

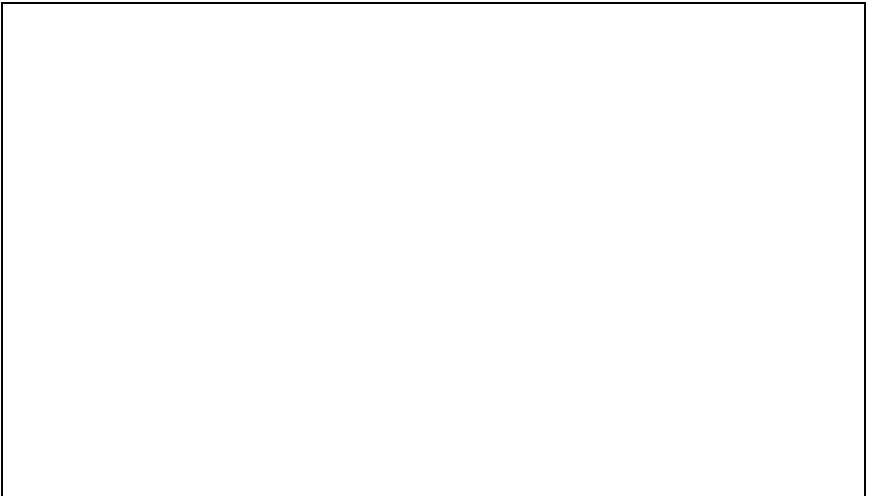
Observations

Pick 2 locations and write/draw about something new you see

Location _____



Location _____



Observations

What are the features of the marsh habitat? Describe what you see?

How many different types of animals do you see (use tally marks)?
What makes them different? Can you identify any – List them here:

Birds are a common marsh animal, How many do see (use tally marks)? How many types? Can you name any? Describe 2.

How many different types of plants do you see (use tally marks)? How do you know they are different? Can you identify them? – List here:

Make a Chart of Discovery

PLANTS

Pick a small area (10 steps by 10 steps) and count the number of different kinds of plants you find. Use tally marks.

Trees

Shrubs

Flowers

Grasses

Other

ANIMALS

Count the number of different kinds of animals you find.
Use tally marks.

Birds

Mammals

Amphibians

Insects

Fish

Other

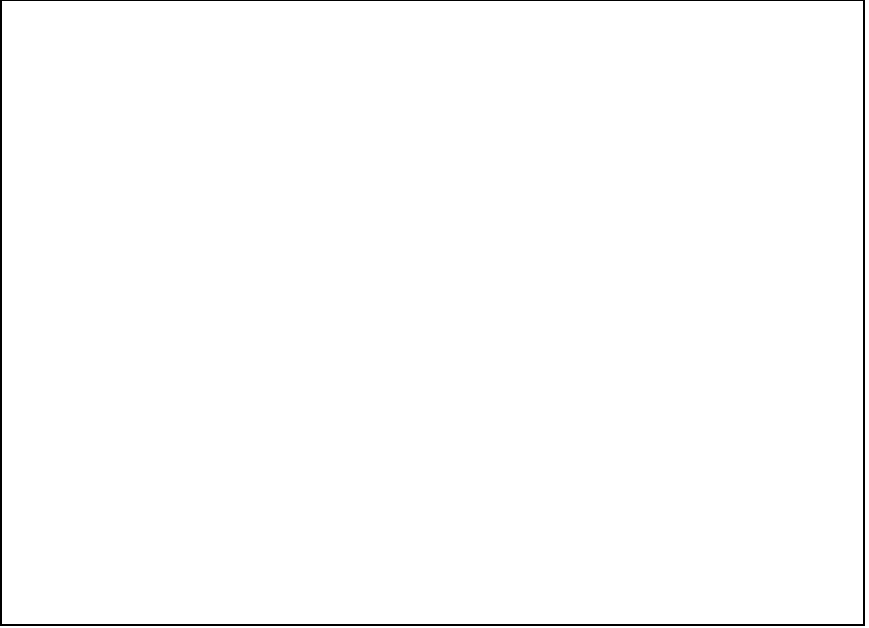
Exploration

How are plants and animals connected at Muddy Paws Marsh?
Did you see any signs of animals-tracks, rubbings, holes, scat?
What is happening in the marsh ecosystem? What evidence did you find that helps you understand the marsh habitat? How do plants travel? How have humans impacted this environment?

Personal Reflection

What did you learn today? What did you think was important?
What new questions do you have? What is something you would
like to do on your next visit?

Draw something you saw at the Muddy Paws Marsh

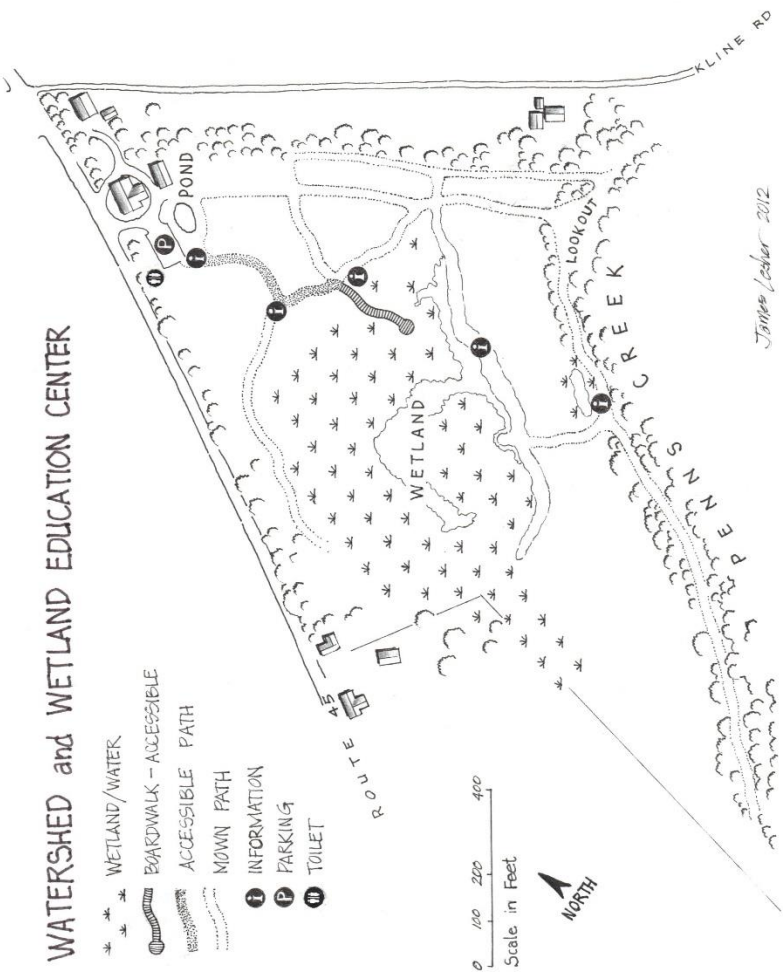
A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a drawing of something seen at the Muddy Paws Marsh.

Write about something you saw at Muddy Paws Marsh

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WATERSHED and WETLAND EDUCATION CENTER

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-  BOARDWALK - ACCESSIBLE
-  ACCESSIBLE PATH
-  MOWN PATH
-  INFORMATION
-  PARKING
-  TOILET



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Thank you for coming to



**We hope you had a great time exploring!
Come back again and again and bring your
family and friends.**



Future events:

- PVCA sponsors monthly Second Saturday Community Days every month, please visit our website for more information: www.pennsvalley.net
- Muddy Paws Marsh hosts an annual FROG FEST every June
- PVCA also hosts annual events such as RiverSongs in the spring and CrickFest in the late summer as well as two annual community meetings. We hope to see you there.

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