

Amphibian Pond

New to Camp Babcock-Hovey in 2014

What is an Amphibian Pond?

An amphibian pond is a pond with a special purpose, to provide shelter and breeding areas for salamanders and frogs. It is constructed as a shallow depression allowing water to collect and remain for extended periods. Amphibian ponds are fish-free ponds. Fish are natural predators of amphibians and their eggs. Amphibian Ponds are designed to periodically go dry.



Why Babcock-Hovey added an Amphibian Pond?

Amphibians include frogs, toads, and salamanders. They are unique animals that use lungs, gills, and their skin for breathing. The majority of amphibians live a part of their lives in water or depend on moist environments for breeding, egg laying, and survival. However, due to habitat losses and degradation, along with increased air and water pollution, 25% of these species are currently in various levels of decline.

Amphibians are an important link in the food chain and depend on a variety of foods including: crayfish, earthworms, snails, insects and their larvae, and algae. Many amphibians depend on temporary pools for breeding, egg-laying or the juvenile stage of development. Some may only breed in forest pools within mature hardwood forest. By creating an amphibian pond we are helping to provide amphibians a home!



Where is it Located?

The Amphibian Pond is located just off of the Raccoon Trail just past Pooler's Pond.

