

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park
Reptiles and Amphibians
Teacher's Outline
Grades K-5

This is a basic outline of the “Reptiles and Amphibians” program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. The specifics may vary according to the needs of the group, the weather and unforeseen situations. Program can be modified to address different ages.

Program Length: 1 hour

Program Location: Walney Visitor Center

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Program Content:

1. Welcome and introduction to Ellanor C. Lawrence Park
2. The naturalist will introduce the students to reptiles and amphibians during a 20-minute interpretive program. The remainder part will be a naturalist led, interpretive hike on the historic loop looking for reptiles and amphibians and their habitats.
3. Summary and conclusion

Terms to discuss before your visit.

1. Some amphibians go through distinct stages during their lives (tadpoles)
2. Reptiles and amphibians are different in many ways.
3. Reptiles and most amphibians hibernate [Brumation- snakes' winter sleep (with older kids)?]
4. Amphibians are indicator species. (Pollution affects them because some breathe through their skin)