

Facts About Ponds and Lakes

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People sometimes ask, “Why do we call a pond a pond and a lake a lake?” Both ponds and lakes are located in spots where the land is depressed, and both ponds and lakes are full of water. But ponds and lakes are not the same.

One thing that makes ponds unlike lakes is the plant life that lives in them. Plants can live on the bottom of a pond. This is because the bottom of the pond is still close to the sun, and thus the plants can get the sunshine they need to grow. Sometimes plants reside on the top of the pond; this plant life is called moss or pond scum.

Lakes have more depth than ponds. Down at the bottom of the lake, there is not much sunshine to help plants grow. Also, the water at the bottom of the lake can be quite cold.

When more and more plants begin to grow in a pond, the pond becomes less liquid and more solid. As time passes, the pond can even become a marsh or a grassland.

One thing that is the same about ponds and lakes is that fish and frogs like to reside in or by them.