

The Amphibian Allies Challenge

Amphibians play an important role in Utah, including eating pests that may cause disease or destroy crops. However, amphibian populations are dropping due to threats like pollution, loss of breeding habitat, low water levels, and deadly fungus. More than ever our amphibious friends need our help! Here are some ways we can be Amphibian Allies!



Avoid Handling

Amphibians are very sensitive to the salts, oils, or other chemicals on human hands. To keep our amphibian friends safe, enjoy encounters with by making observations with your eyes but not your hands.

Crossing Roads

Amphibians may attempt to cross dangerous paths, like roads, while traveling to water habitats. If you see an amphibian crossing, and if it is safe to do so, help them cross in the direction they were traveling. This is the only time they should be handled.



Keep It Natural

Leaf litter, logs, and rocks are all important for providing shelter that helps keep amphibians moist and protected in their habitat. Whenever possible, let natural areas be natural. When visiting water habitats, be careful about what you move as it could be an amphibian's home.



Be Careful With Chemicals

Amphibians have skin that absorbs like a sponge, but it makes them vulnerable to pollutants in their water and habitat. Help keep amphibians healthy by careful use of any chemicals that may escape into natural habitats, like road salt, DEET bug sprays, and sunscreen.