



# WOW!

## The Wonders of Wetlands:

### An Educators Guide



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## SUBJECTS

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Economics  
Fine Arts  
Language Arts  
Mathematics  
Science  
Social Studies

This is a collection of forty-three activities on the study and appreciation of wetlands. It is designed primarily for classroom teachers, but is suitable for park rangers, interpreters, and others. Based on the concept that “Wetlands are powerful places in which to learn”, these activities cover numerous aspects of wetlands, from their biology and diversity to economic and political issues. The activities are grouped under six main headings allowing for special attention to be given to such topics as water, plants, animals, and soil. Each activity is tagged for grade level, skills, and themes, and lists related activities and extensions. Activities are cross-referenced and arranged for units of varying length with different grade levels. Contains a planning guide, extensive background information for teachers, student pages, a glossary, an index to the sidebars, and a list of additional references. Illustrations are drawings, charts, diagrams and black and white photographs.

<b>Grade Level</b>	K-12
<b>Length</b>	330 pages
<b>Date Published</b>	1995

**THE** BOTTOM  
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“The most comprehensive introduction to wetland issues and definitions that I have seen.”

What the REVIEWERS Said !	Key Characteristics	Strengths Noted	Other Considerations
	Fairness and Accuracy	Provides historical context for wetland policies, attitudes and issues. Encourages data collection and individual analysis of information and values.	Insufficient coverage of differing viewpoints.
	Depth	Provides a worldwide, multicultural focus on wetland issues. Integrates many fields of science and relates issues to learners' lives.	
	Emphasis on Skills Building	Many activities address problem-solving, experiment design, scientific method, evaluation of data. Includes both group and individual activities.	
	Action Orientation	Includes unit on "Helping Wetland Habitats." Most activities promote responsibility and suggest actions for learners to take.	Activities do not connect wetlands to water use or water conservation.
	Instructional Soundness	Activities are interdisciplinary and involve a variety of teaching styles. Clearly spells out goals and assessments. Provides excellent background information.	Needs more pictures and detailed illustrations.
	Usability	Well organized and adaptable. Includes helpful planning guide, resource lists, and descriptions of target age groups.	

"In order to get the most out of it, a teacher would have to spend a lot of time reading and organizing."

"Needs inservice to teachers because of its broadness."