

## SEARCH FOR SALAMANDERS

Every year, when the snow has faded away and the temperatures start to rise, amphibians start to 'wake up'! They are on the move to suitable habitats such as vernal pools and ponds amongst the forests and wetlands of New England to breed. This incredible journey is thrilling to witness and you can help them migrate by assisting them across the road.

Salamanders are small and they migrate in the early mornings or late at night across various roadways in NH, ME, and MA. The search for salamanders in migration is an experience that should be done with extra caution for your safety and enjoyment, with proper gear, and with a group or multiple partners.\*



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Photo: Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey

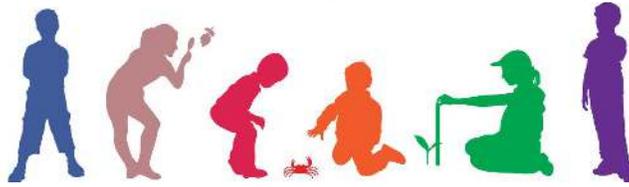
### Required Materials:

- \*Adventure partner(s)
- Headlamp and flashlights
- High-visibility vest/jacket
- Rain coat
- Camera

### Optional:

- Gloves/Mittens





## SEARCH FOR SALAMANDERS (cont.)

### DIRECTIONS

**Step 1:** Prepare for your adventure! Search for and locate roads that are in your area and are near forests and/or wetlands ahead of time. \*Refer to Seacoast Salamander Hotspots below for recommendations for this region.

**Step 2:** Wait for the weather! Salamanders migrate during or after it has rained and in the early mornings and at night. This exploration will be in the dark and when there is low visibility (fog, etc.). Rainy days are key for your salamander search.

**Step 3:** Gather all your materials ensuring that everyone in your search party has a flashlight and/or headlamp and high visibility (reflective) clothing.

**Step 4:** Wash your hands of any lotions, hand sanitizers, etc. before heading off for your adventure and before you handle any salamanders. Salamander's skin is extremely sensitive. To ensure the safety of the animals, wearing gloves, mittens, or rubbing dirt on your hands before handling them is advised.

**Step 5:** Gently pick up and move the salamanders across the road and into the woods or wetland area in the direction they are facing/heading.

**Step 6:** Have fun and record your findings! Only take pictures and memories home.

#### **\*Seacoast Salamander Hotspots:**

Barrington, NH: Scruton Pond Road

Lee, NH: Lee Hook Road

Lee-Nottingham, NH: Mill Pond Road

Lee, NH: Thompson Mill Road

Newmarket, NH: Bay Road

Durham, NH: Durham Point Road