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Transcript of Figure 5.10

### **Welcome to the North Woods! Want to go "herping"?**

"Herping"—another word for looking for amphibians and reptiles. Get outdoors and flip some logs—but remember some key tips to keep these sensitive species safe.

#### **Don't ruin our homes!**

There is lots of potential herp habitat in the North Woods (and beyond). Herping involves flipping over rocks and logs. Think before you flip! If a log looks like it might disintegrate from handling, it is best to find another log. If a rock or log is too heavy to lift solo, find another rock or log.

#### **Don't squish us!**

If you are lucky enough to find someone underneath a rock or log, do not squish them. Gently pick up the organism, place the rock or log back down exactly as it was, then place the organism right against the habitat so they can burrow back home.

#### **Don't poison us!**

Amphibians, like frogs and salamanders, have semi-permeable skin. This means that they can take in water and oxygen from their environment—cool! However, this also means they are particularly susceptible to pollution. If you have lotion, bug spray, or anything else unnatural on your hands, avoid handling these sensitive animals.

#### **Don't hurt our babies!**

Amphibian egg sacs are fragile and already face threats from predation and desiccation (drying out). Admire any egg sacs you find from a distance (do take lots of photos!).