

By the Water Collage

Create a collage of a pond, lake, or river!

Materials Needed:

By the Water Collage printable (or draw your own), white paper or recycled cardboard, blue paint, paper towel or sponge, glue, scissors, crayons or markers. *Optional:* Other craft materials (yarn, ribbons, tissue paper, etc).



Instructions:

Step 1: Paint white paper or cardboard blue to represent water. Make a watery effect by using a wet sponge or paper towel to dab paint on the paper. Let dry for a few minutes. (*Alternatives:* use blue paper, or color the paper with blue markers or crayons.)

Step 2: Color and cut out the animals, people, and/or canoe. You can also draw your own. For a 3-D effect, leave extra paper at the bottom to make flaps and help them stand.

Step 3: Glue the drawings on your blue paper to create a playful scene by the water. Use other craft supplies (yarn, ribbons, tissue paper, crayons, etc.) to create a landscape around the water.

Talk with your child(ren) about the kinds of animals you might see by the water. The animals provided are based on Interior Alaska habitats. Draw your own animals to adapt this activity to other water habitats!

To learn more about Alaska animals, go to the Alaska Department of Fish & Game website:

www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=animals.main



By the Water Collage Printables

Cut out, color, and glue on your collage!



Who Lives In and Near the Water?



Fish live in water. In Interior Alaska, some common fish are grayling, salmon, rainbow trout, burbot, pike, sheefish, and Alaska blackfish.

Some **mammals** build their homes in the water, such as beavers or muskrats. Moose visit water to eat and drink.



Aquatic insects live in the water. Waters in Alaska are full of mosquito larvae! Dragonfly nymphs live in water for several years before changing into their adult forms.



Birds migrate to the summertime waters of Interior Alaska. Waterfowl such as ducks and swans live on the water. Many songbirds also need a wetland habitat.



The **wood frog** is Interior Alaska's only amphibian! Wood frogs survive the cold winters by freezing solid.



People live near water, use it for transportation, and go swimming!

