

**Heehee!  
Haha!**

What did the fish say to  
the swamp?

*Algae* you later!

Why couldn't the wetland  
creatures attend the party?

They were too *swamped!*

How does a wetland recite  
the months of the year?

January,  
February,  
*Marsh,*  
April...

## FUN STUFF Wetlands

### Tongue Twisters!

Say it three times — fast!

The murky mud made  
Marsha miss the marshy  
mangrove manatees more.

Did Orin order airboat oars  
or are airboat oars  
ordinarily out of order?

Shandra surely swam straight  
to the swamp's shore, sure she  
should swim some more.

### Rhyming Riddles

I have long, tangly roots  
to filter pollutants out.  
I'm a habitat for many  
creatures,  
including the spotted  
seatrout!  
What am I?

Answer: a mangrove tree

Aquatic creatures eat me,  
but some may  
confuse me for slime.  
I also produce oxygen,  
so land animals can  
breathe all the time.  
What am I?

Answer: algae

I sit in northern Florida,  
with my minerals  
rich and great.  
The Everglade flows from me,  
bringing my  
goodness downstate.  
What am I?

Answer: Lake Okechobee

### ACTIVITY TIME Explore Outdoors!



#### Measure by Alligators

American Alligators have an average length of 13 feet. Today, measure how many alligators would fit the length of your home! Start at one end of the area you want to measure. Begin by taking 13 steps. For every 13 steps, place a marker. That's one alligator! When you're finished, count how many alligators fit into that area. Try measuring other areas where you live and determining how many alligators long the area is. Have fun estimating sizes and watch adults' reactions when you declare things like, "That's about 5 alligators long."

