

# What Do You Know About Northern Water Snakes?



Fill this out while you're watching the video or fill it out after to test what you learned!

**True or False?** Put ✓ next to statements that are TRUE and ✗ next to ones that are FALSE

1. Snakes are slimy \_\_\_\_\_
2. Northern water snakes never live on land. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Northern water snakes are venomous. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Don is a northern water snake. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Northern water snakes live in the desert. \_\_\_\_\_

**Fill in the blanks! Use the words below if you need a hint.**

**fish, frogs, and worms    venomous    reptile    ponds and lakes    minnows    swim**

1. Snakes are an example of a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. At Merry Lea Don eats \_\_\_\_\_ in his tank.
3. Water snakes can \_\_\_\_\_ and live in \_\_\_\_\_.
4. In the wild, water snakes eat \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Massasauga Rattlesnakes are \_\_\_\_\_.

**Write down any questions you have about Northern Water Snakes below. You or an adult can even share your question on the Facebook post about this video!**

## **Outdoor Activities:**

### **Create a snake using things you find outside.**

1. Gather items like sticks, leaves, rocks, flowers, etc.
2. Lay them out in the shape of a snake.
3. Try building the snake in different places with different materials. See if you can make your snake blend into its background.
  - a. If you build a snake out of green plants and leave it in the grass is it easy or hard to see? What about if you build one out of rocks in your driveway?
4. You could also use these materials to create patterns that could go on a snake.

### **Move like a snake!**

- You can decide, will you be a snake on land? Or in the water? Maybe even in a tree! How would you move as each of these snakes? Race your friends and family as snakes and see who can move the fastest!

## **Indoor Activity:**

### **Make a Snake using a paper plate.**

1. Decorate the top of a white paper plate to look like a snake.
  - a. If you're using paint, you can use something like cotton swabs to create dots that can be scales on your snake. You could also use your fingers, brushes, and anything else that can help you make the patterns you want.
  - b. If you're using crayons, colored pencils, markers, etc. just draw the patterns you want! You can make it look like Don, a snake you've seen, or just use your imagination!
2. After your pattern is completed and dry, flip it over and draw a spiral shape leaving a circle in the middle for the head. It should look like the photo below.
3. When the snake shape is cut out, you can add eyes and a tongue. You can add googly eyes or draw your own. The tongue can be a scrap piece of paper colored red and cut like a snake tongue

