Tiny Pool, Big Surprise

Wet Boots • 20 minutes **MIA'S MISSION**

A whole neighborhood fits beside your boot. Pick one pool and watch until its smallest resident gives itself away. Your map will show where the action happened.



1 Look beneath the ledge. 2 Follow the rim. 3 Check the open water.

FROM MIA'S FIELD LOG

Rocky shore • cloudy, little wind

Dad spotted a fish before I did. Annoying! I watched the same pool for five minutes and found two snails, one anemone and the fish under a ledge. Flip surfaced far beyond the rocks. I drew the fish as a blob first. Could I find that same hiding place on another visit?

Habitat: a living thing's home. • Camouflage: a disguise that blends with surroundings.

Make it local: Use a pond-edge window and map the hiding places you can see.

OCEAN FACT

Tidepool sculpins can breathe air when conditions in their pools become low in oxygen.