“Over and Under the Pond’ discoveries checklist

Note items seen in nature or the book.

___Saw reeds or American Water Willow
___See something under the water, or reflection on top. I saw ________________________________
___Saw a Fish. Types of fish seen : ________________________________
___Saw a boat on the water
___Turtle on a log. How many on one log?______
___Saw birds. Type of birds seen: ________________________________
___Saw signs of a beaver
___Saw animals with hair. Types of animals seen: ________________________________
___Felt the wind blow
___Heard an animal. I heard ________________________________
___Saw insects. Types of insect seen: ________________________________

My favorite part of the StoryWalk® was:

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My name is______________________ I am______ Years old.

Parents email ________________________________

I would like to share my email information to hear about upcoming events from

___ Salem Lake Park
___ Bookmarks
___ The Cut & Paste Bookshelf

Follow along the story walk with this companion guide. Each page has a corresponding question or activity. Complete the discoveries checklist inside and show it at the marina office to receive a prize. Directions for a corresponding art project building a mobile about your visit and the story, go to: http://cutandpastebookshelf.com/ or scan the QR code on the back.
Salem Lake StoryWalk® “Over and Under the Pond” by Kate Messner art by Christopher Silas Neal

P1. Do you see any lily pads on the lake? No, we don’t have lily pads but beds of grass grow along the banks called American Water Willow. A picture of water willow with an egret wading is below. Do you see any?

P2. Can you see anything under the water or reflecting on the top? If so what? If not why do you think you cannot?

P3. Do you see any boats paddling across the lake?

P4. We don’t have brook trout in Salem Lake, the water is too warm. Largemouth Bass can be found chasing minnows. Look at our mounts of bass at the marina office.

P5. Look out on the logs stretching from the banks into the water. Do you see any turtles sunning on the log? How many turtles can you count on one log?

P6. Many bird species call Salem Lake home. Do you see any?

P7. Moose live further north so you won’t find one here. But, if your quiet you may just see a deer!

P8. Beavers can be found here at Salem Lake. The pictures below show a beaver den and stumps of trees chewed down by beavers.

P9. Look out over the water, can you see the wind rippling the surface, can you feel it on your face?

P10. Pay attention to the edge of the lake as you walk. Do you see a great blue heron lurking?

P11. You see how the heron catches fish? How would you catch a fish?

P12. Listen to the sounds around you. Can you hear a woodpecker pecking on a tree? What do you hear?

P13. Otters are not normally found at Salem Lake, but we do have fresh water mussels. Sometimes you will see the shell remains along the edges of the lake.

P14. Dragonflies are often found by water. Do you see any? What insects have you seen?

P15. In the evening and at night many animals roam around the shore when fewer people are around. This is when opossums and raccoons come out to play. Can you think of another animal that becomes more active in the evening into night?

P16. How might this lake look or sound different after dark?

P17. Did you enjoy this book? What did you find the most interesting? More information from the author and about the animals can be found in the marina.