

# Arboretum <sup>Morgan</sup>

## The Arboretum: a hot spot for amphibians

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### Watch out for them!

Believe it or not, it looks like spring weather will reach us this weekend. That means many of the Arboretum's plants and animals will become much more active. With warm evenings and spring rains, the amphibians will begin to emerge. Since both frogs and salamanders require ponds to reproduce, each spring they embark on a long journey to find a suitable habitat. Unfortunately, they often have to cross the Arboretum access road. Because they are so small, they are hard to see and many of them are killed by passing vehicles. The main areas where these tiny creatures cross are directly in front of the gatehouse (main office) and within the first (dog) parking area.

When the amphibian migration starts, we will put up signs before the gatehouse to remind motorists that the tiny creatures are on their way and that we should slow down to give them a chance to step out of the way. If the numbers are high, we may have to ask that all visitors park their cars along the road BEFORE the gatehouse.

We appreciate your cooperation. This migration does not last long, usually less than a week or so. The road will be opened up again and access to the parking lots will be granted as usual.



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