

# Marvelous life of a frog!

It's getting warmer each and every day, it's spring!

During spring, you may feel that each day gets sunnier and warmer to prepare for Summer.

Do you know what else is getting ready for summer?

FROGS!

If you take a walk through a Wisconsin forest or wetland in spring, you may hear a low snoring vibration of Northern Leopard Frog.

You may hear the "quork, quork, quork" of a Wood Frog or even the high pitch "peep peep" of a Spring Pepper.

Do you hear what I hear?

That's the sound of our Wisconsin native frogs waking up from their four month long winter nap.

I bet you didn't know frogs are very similar to us.

Just like us, they start their lives out as little babies and grow up to be adults!

This is called a Life Cycle. My friend Henry would love to tell you all about his life cycle, take a look!

While learning about Henry, can you answer these questions?

How is Henry's life similar to your own?

Where does Henry live when he is younger?

Where does Henry live when he grows older?

What does Henry like to eat?

Hey, you!

My name is Henry. Did you know that I live a pretty amazing life?

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**1 Eggs**  
This is a picture of me when I was a baby! My mother laid me and my siblings. Then we waited 6 to 12 days until we hatched.

**2 Tadpole**  
This is about 7 to 10 days after I hatched. I couldn't open my mouth so I ate from my gut.

**3 Tadpole without gills**  
This photo was taken 4 weeks after I hatched. My siblings and I started to swim with all of my pond friends! The water was getting warmer and warmer by the day just like the weather.

**4 Tadpole with legs**  
I remember this! I just developed my legs after 6 weeks and I could finally eat insects and plants. Boy, were they yummy!

**5 Froglet**  
Gee, I just took this photo last week. My tail started to shrink and I had a weird feeling that I should move to land. So, I did! You might be able to find me near the Milwaukee River.

**6 Adult Frog**  
That's me!

**WOW!**