

# Equipment Checklist for Day of the Survey

- Maps of your route
- Field Data Sheets
- Summary of Instructions
- Sharp Pencil
- Flashlight and spare batteries
- Watch or Kitchen Timer
- Thermometer
- Safety Vest
- VDGIF Volunteer Letter
- Vehicle Card to place on dashboard

**The following not required but helpful:**

- Clipboard
- GPS unit
- Compass
- Tape recorder
- Frog Call Tape to check yourself (do not use to “call-in frogs)
- Hot coffee, hot chocolate, water or soft drinks & snacks

# Virginia Frog & Toad Calling Survey

## Summary of Instructions

(Make sure you read the enclosed document:  
Virginia Frog & Toad Calling Survey prior to going into the field)

1. Three (3) factors to consider before running your survey route:
  - Temperature (especially late winter) - pay attention to minimum temperatures set for each season. Eight of the ten sites must be completed above the minimum temperature.
  - Moisture - try to run your survey when the roads are still wet or within 24 hours following a moderate to heavy rain. Though if the weather does not cooperate run your survey even if out rain events).
  - Wind speed – do not conduct survey if wind is blowing more than 8 mph (leaves and small twigs constantly move).
2. Arrive at site #1 no earlier than 30 minutes after sunset, get out of your vehicle, settle yourself and set your timer for 5 minutes.
3. Record all species of anurans heard from your site, around the wetlands and beyond.
4. Record final data on data sheets provided, not on copies (the data sheets are printed on 100% cotton fiber acid-free paper).
5. Fill out all data sheets completely with all requested information. In your frog calling data section, leave the squares blank where you have no data.
6. Air temperatures should be taken with thermometer provided. Record temperature in degrees Fahrenheit (F) at each site.
7. Return the **Original** data sheets in envelope provided by August 15th.
8. Do not forget to place Vehicle/Volunteer Identification Sign on dashboard where it can be seen.
9. Leave site # 10 no later than 1:00 AM
10. Have fun and be careful. And Thank-you