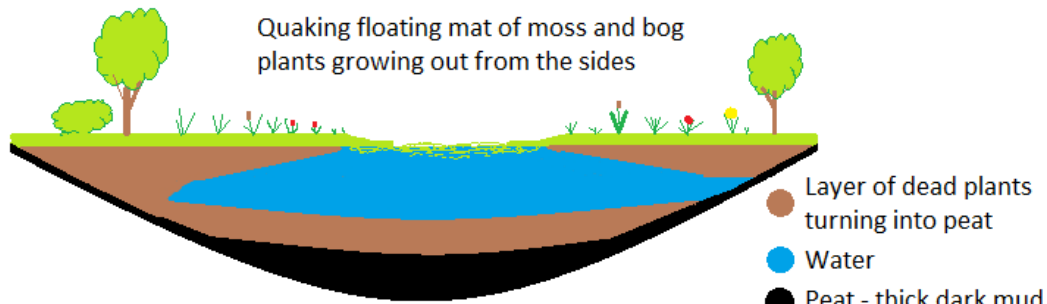


Quaking Bog

A quaking bog is an area of “shoogly ground” usually found on wet moorlands or near ponds and marshes. They form where an area of water is slowly covered as a mat of vegetation grows over the surface. This commonly happens on peat bogs.

Diagram of a Quaking Bog



- Quaking bogs get their name because they bounce if you walk on them.
- *Sphagnum* moss grows around the edge of open water, it floats and provides a mat for other plants to grow on.
- Over time the plants grow and the mat thickens. Vegetation will cover the entire water surface.
- Decaying vegetation will sink and gradually turns into peat, slowly filling in the pond.
- Quaking bogs can be dangerous, great care should be taken near them if you don't know how deep they are.
- In areas famous for its 'quakers' there are often local ghost stories about people who went out onto the moor and were never seen again – some of them probably disappeared into a quaking bog!

