

Fish pond

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A **fish pond**, or **fishpond**, is a controlled pond, artificial lake, or reservoir that is stocked with fish and is used in aquaculture for fish farming, or is used for recreational fishing or for ornamental purposes. In the medieval European era it was typical for monasteries and castles (small, partly self-sufficient communities) to have a fish pond.

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History

During the winter, supplying fresh food for a castle garrison was a constant struggle. Although meat would be available from deer parks, this couldn't supply the needs of the whole household. A fish pond provided an elegant solution. As long as there was a natural flow of water into the pond, fish required no feeding and were available all year round. There would usually be a series of ponds, with fish being moved between them as they grew.

Aquaculture

Fish ponds are used today in aquaculture. They are common in:

- Canada
- Europe, especially in the Czech Republic (Rožmberk Pond, Velké Dářko, Lake Mácha), where common carp may be kept.
- The Philippines where milkfish, tilapia, crabs, lobsters, tiger shrimp, snails and others may be kept.
- East Asia, especially in Japan with koi, trout, and white crucian carp.

Fish ponds are also being promoted in developing countries. They provide a source of food and income from the sale of fish for small farmers and can also supply irrigation needs and water for livestock.^[1]

Gallery



Classic fishing pond used by the Clay Cross Angling Club



Fishing pond on Grainthorpe Fen



Coarse fishing pond in England



Medieval fish pond



Historic fish pond



Fishing platform, designed for wheelchair users, at the edge of a fish pond.



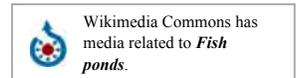
Fishing in a fish pond system at Daye Lake near Daye, China



Medieval fish pond still in use today

See also

- Ancient Hawaiian aquaculture
- Garden pond
- Kahaluu Fish Pond
- Koi pond
- Raceway (aquaculture)
- Raceway pond
- Sea cage
- Stew pond
- Water garden



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