



# Water

## Water features in historic gardens



There are many different types of water feature in historic gardens in Britain. Some of these can be found in contemporary gardens too, but others belong to earlier styles of garden design. Let's have a look at some of the water features you'll find in many historic British gardens.

### basin

The bowl of a fountain or an artificial pool at the base of a fountain or cascade.

*e.g. the bird fountain at Borde Hill Gardens*



### cascade

A fall of water, usually artificial but sometimes natural.

*e.g. the Grand Cascade at Chatsworth*



### cold bath

An outside bath, often situated on or near a spring.

*e.g. the cold bath at NT Kedleston Hall*



### bridge

A structure spanning a body of water to enable passage across.

*e.g. the Palladian Bridge at NT Stourhead Garden*



### fishpond

A pond for keeping fish.

*e.g. the Golden Orfe pond at NT Chartwell Gardens*







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### fountain

An ornamental structure with water jets. Often very extravagant with many ornate statues or carvings.

*e.g. the Hercules and Achelous fountain outside the Palm House at RBG Kew in London*



### moat

A deep, wide ring of water surrounding a castle or fort. Usually intended for defensive purposes but sometimes ornamental.

*e.g. the moat at Hever Castle and Gardens*



### pond

A small body of water which is usually artificial when found in gardens.

*e.g. the Water Garden ponds at The Beth Chatto Gardens*



### sham bridge

A structure similar in design to a bridge but intended purely for decorative effect.

*e.g. the Sham Bridge at NT Prior Park Landscape Garden*  
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### stew pond

A type of fishpond found in medieval monastic gardens.

*e.g. the stew pond in Newstead Abbey Gardens*

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Can you unscramble these jumbled words to work out which type of historic water feature each clue refers to? Use pages 1-2 or a dictionary to help you. Write your answer in the spaces provided.

**absin**

The bowl of a fountain or an artificial pool at the base of a fountain or cascade.

ANSWER

**accedes**

A fall of water, usually artificial but sometimes natural.

ANSWER

**atom**

A deep, wide ring of water surrounding a castle or fort. Usually intended for defensive purposes but sometimes ornamental.

ANSWER

**bad cloth**

An outside bath, often situated on or near a spring.

ANSWER

**bedrig**

A structure spanning a body of water to enable passage across.

ANSWER

**brim gashed**

A structure similar in design to a bridge but intended purely for decorative effect.

ANSWER

**down step**

A type of fishpond found in medieval monastic gardens.

Your answer

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**fauninto**

An ornamental structure with water jets. Often very extravagant with many ornate statues or carvings.

ANSWER

**findshop**

A pond for keeping fish.

ANSWER



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**nopd**

A small body of water which is usually artificial.

ANSWER

absin > basin; accedes > cascade; atom > moat; bad cloth > cold bath; bedding > bridge; brim gashed > sham bridge; down step > stew pond; fauninto > fountain; findshop > fishpond; nopd > pond

ANSWERS