

# How to Create Wildlife Habitat Ponds

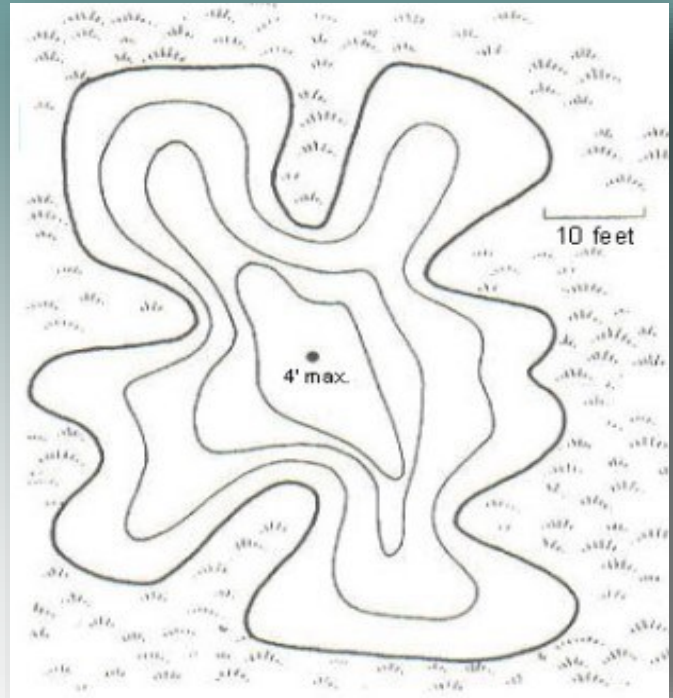
- ◇ Depth should be no more than 4 feet. Aim for 20-45% of the pond at a depth of 0-1.5ft.
- ◇ The pond bottom's slope should be as flat as possible.
- ◇ Create irregular shorelines, and aim to have as much shoreline as possible.
- ◇ Make sure the removed soil is spread evenly upland. The soil should be seeded with native grasses to provide more wildlife and prevent it eroding back into the pond.

Plant native vegetation along the shoreline and on nearby bare soils to protect the wildlife habitat!

If you are altering an existing wetland a permit may be required. Contact us for questions.



Example Diagram of a Wildlife Pond



Ponds are beneficial because they:

- ◇ Provide habitat for species such as waterfowl, songbirds, amphibians, and more
- ◇ Add beauty to a landscape
- ◇ Offer vital habitat to migrating and breeding waterfowl in the spring

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