

Countryside Stewardship: Capital Works Prescriptions

Item Code	WN5			Pond management (first 100 sq m)	
Parcel Information	Name:	Parcel No.	Length/unit number:	Boundary:	
		TM26242263	1		
Aim (not binding)	To create networks or complexes of at least 3 ponds or to restore the wildlife value of ponds that have become degraded.				
Eligibility Requirements					
Requirements for creation	E1	You can only use this item on ponds of up to 1 ha.			
	E2	You can only use this item in combination with a pond buffer strip option where the pond is adjacent to cultivated land or intensive grassland.			
	E3	Ponds must not be sited within 6m of a historic or archaeological feature identified in the FER or within areas of wildlife habitat identified in the FER except with the written agreement of Natural England.			
Requirements for pond restoration	E1	You can only use this item on ponds of up to 1 ha.			
	E2	You can only use this item in combination with a pond buffer strip option where the pond is adjacent to cultivated land or intensive grassland.			
	E3	For pond restoration an assessment of existing biological interest and historic features must be submitted with the application.			
Specifications					
Specifications for pond creation	S1	Peg out the outline of the pond before excavations start. The pond must have an irregular edge.			
	S2	Ensure the majority of the margin is gently sloping, to create a large drawdown zone and extensive shallows.			
	S3	Do not link the pond to inflowing water from ditches and streams.			
	S4	Create a variety of water depths from very shallow margins to pools of up to 1 m to 1.5 m deep and at least 7 m x 7m square.			
	S5	Do not plant around the southern margin of the pond.			
	S6	Do not use spoil to form a mound or bank around the pond or to fill and level adjacent wet areas. Do not dispose of spoil on historic or archaeological features as identified on the FER.			
	S7	Control injurious weeds which colonise the spoil by mechanical means or the use of a weed wiper.			
	S8	Place any fencing at least 1 metre away from the bank top.			
	S9	Do not introduce any plants or animals to the pond. Do not feed wildfowl in or around the pond.			
Specifications for pond restoration	S2	Carry out work between late July and the end of December and 1 January to 31 January.			
	S3	Do not re-profile or cut deeper than the original profile.			
	S4	Re-profile to create a variety of bank slopes. Gently sloping margins (1:10 or even 1:20) will help create a larger drawdown zone and extensive shallows. Excavated surfaces must be left rough.			
	S5	Remove woody cover from at least ¾ of the pond margin, especially the southern side, so it receives the morning sun over a considerable area. Remove fallen trees and trees growing in the water to create open water.			
	S6	Retain features of historic or archaeological interest identified in the pre-application assessment.			
	S7	Remove sources of water pollution.			
	S8	Place cut vegetation far enough away from the top of the bank to prevent decaying material and run-off from falling in and polluting the pond.			

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S9	Do not use spoil to form a mound or bank around the pond or to fill and level adjacent wet areas. Do not dispose of spoil on historic or archaeological features.	
S10	Control injurious weeds which colonise the spoil by mechanical means or the use of a weed wiper.	
S11	Do not use herbicides to control aquatic plants and bankside vegetation.	
S12	Place any fencing at least 1 metre away from the bank top.	
S13	Do not plant the pond banks following restoration. Do not plant trees or shrubs around the southern margin of the pond, or anywhere around a pond within an open landscape.	
S14	Do not introduce any plants or animals to the pond. Do not feed wildfowl in or around the pond.	

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GUIDANCE: Use the table above to record the specifications agreed with the applicant. Repeat table as required. Use the specification guidance on the [CS SharePoint Capital Item Guidance](#) pages