Wildlife Pond Design Checklist

A wildlife pond design checklist for planning a new pond so it provides water, cover, and safe shoreline for animals while meeting local rules and is free to print.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

ITEM	OK	FIX	N/A
Purpose of pond defined	☐	☐	☐
Site and soils reviewed	☐	☐	☐
Permits and rules checked	☐	☐	☐
Water source confirmed	☐	☐	☐
Gentle shoreline slopes planned	☐	☐	☐
Variable depths planned	☐	☐	☐
Native plants planned	☐	☐	☐
Buffer area set	☐	☐	☐
Livestock access controlled	☐	☐	☐
Safety features added	☐	☐	☐

NOTES / REPAIRS NEEDED

TIP Talk with NRCS or your conservation district about design standards and any permits.

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