140 Best Wild Swims and Lidos Within Easy Reach of the Capital

Londoners are spoiled for choice when it comes to wild swimming and lidos. With so many great spots within easy reach of the capital, you're never far from a refreshing dip in the great outdoors.



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Whether you're looking for a secluded spot to escape the crowds or a lively lido with all the facilities, there's something for everyone on this list. So what are you waiting for? Get your swimsuit on and start exploring!

Wild Swims

- Hillingdon Lido A large, heated lido with a 50m pool, a diving pool, and a children's pool. There's also a sunbathing area and a cafe.
- Ruislip Lido A beautiful, spring-fed lake with a sandy beach and a large paddling pool. There's also a cafe and a children's playground.

- Hampstead Heath Ponds A series of three ponds set in the heart of Hampstead Heath. The ponds are popular for swimming, boating, and fishing.
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Tips for Wild Swimming

- Always check the water quality before swimming.
- Never swim alone.
- Be aware of the currents and tides.

- Wear appropriate clothing and footwear.
- Take a first-aid kit with you.
- Let someone know where you're going and when you expect to be back.

Tips for Lidos

- Book your tickets online in advance, especially if you're visiting during peak season.
- Arrive early to secure a good spot.
- Bring your own food and drinks, as they can be expensive at lidos.
- Be respectful of other swimmers.
- Follow the lido rules and regulations.

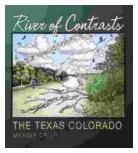
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