

Embra Watery Places of Interest 1:

Bittersweet Basin Swimming Pool

The map for the first of Embra's Watery Places of Interest centres on a large, almost square, Swimming Pool, with paved walkways all around it, and a similarly edged, canalised, stream that flows through the Pool from north to south. The map itself, by comparison with many of the other Embra Places maps, is relatively small, for all the Pool is over 100 feet on each side (30 metres).

Notes on the labelled locations and features follow. First though, some more general points.

The misty edge to the mapped area is because, like all the Embra Places maps, Bittersweet Basin does not link directly to any other specific location in the city. Instead when leaving the mapped zone (or sometimes only when passing some form of threshold within it - GM's choice), the party can return either to the Watery Places map, or the Embra Official Guide map, from where the GM can select a new location for the players to visit.

While scales are provided alongside the map, accurate to the features as drawn, and directions in these notes refer to the standard pattern of north being towards the map's top as viewed, east to its right-hand edge, and so on, none of these elements need be considered strongly fixed. Such things in the Faerie Realm can be quite fluid, to fit whatever the GM may prefer.

Although the featured text also beside the map could be ignored, should the GM wish, the map and some of its labels have been designed specifically to take advantage of it. The text reads: "Butterfly-winged sprites flit about; white wings with large black tips. On one side the trees are filled with hungry caterpillars. On the other hang many chrysalises. Large red flowers grow by the pool."

For greater clarity, note that the FCW file has a toggle to allow the on-map labels to be turned-off, if desired.

Aspects of Bittersweet Basin Swimming Pool

* **Caterpillars:** Following the notes in the featured text, the trees to the left of the Pool are filled with hungry caterpillars.

* **Chrysalises:** Similarly, the trees to the right of the Pool are hung with many pupating chrysalises.

* **Swimming Pool:** The central, sunken, almost square Pool, is filled with clean, fresh water that constantly flows through from the attached channel in the direction of the blue arrows. It is surrounded by, and completely lined with, well-constructed, smooth stonework, just like that canalised stream. Note that this stream has no separate name. Swimmers are always welcome to use the Pool at any time.

* **Basin Boulevard:** The broad stone pathways surrounding the Pool and its canalised stream. Identically well-made paths branch off to both sides of the stream banks, exiting the mapped area on all sides.