

# LAKES



Lakes are bodies of fresh water.

They are surrounded by land and don't flow like rivers.

Lakes can be big or small in size.

Lakes have new water coming from underground streams or above ground rivers.

If there is no water coming in, the water in them evaporates and they dry up.

Some lakes are man-made and are called reservoirs.



They are used for storing water. Most cities and towns have reservoirs.



Ponds are smaller lakes. They are shallow and they are usually man-made.

Some farmers in the countryside dig a pond and use it for fishing. In the towns and the cities ponds can be seen in parks and gardens.

A lot of animals such as fish, frogs, salamanders, otters, beavers, ducks, swans and dragonflies live in and around ponds and lakes.



Reeds, algae and lily pads grow in lakes and are called aquatic plants.



