



The Lily Pond, also known as the Aquarium, was built in 1895. The pond was used to display Victoria water Platters (Victoria vegia) from the Amazon. Heated water was piped to the pond from the Park Superintendents house located nearby.



A wooden bridge originally spanned the pond.



In 1903, the fieldstone and mortar bridge we see today, replaced the wooden bridge.



Ornamental lighting adjacent to the Pond.



By 1896, the feature was identified as “a favorite with the public” by Como Park Superintendent, Frederick Nussbaumer.



A path surrounded the pond allowing park users to view displays in the pond.



The Pond was bordered by a heavily wooded area toward Lexington Parkway.



The design for the Lily Pond called for the water feature to be framed by trees and exotic plantings, framing the site lines and focusing attention on the pool and the tropical lilies.

HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS

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