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**HISTORY**

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**FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

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Fishing at the lake was popular then and now. With Nanyang Lake as the exclusive “practice ground” for members of the NTU Anglers’ club, undergraduates eager to learn the tricks of the fishing trade can easily walk from the lecture theatre to the “fishing bank”. The 80-member club, established in 1989, is one of the first fishing clubs in Singapore.

Only students from the club, who hold the relevant permits, can fish in the 3m deep lake for sport. Fishes caught are released back into the lake.

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