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Nine Years by the Water

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Voices from The Lake

Nine years is a remarkably long time in 3DXChat. Rooms come and go, communities form and disappear, and places that once attracted hundreds of visitors can quietly fade into obscurity. Yet, since 2017, *The Lake* has remained a familiar destination for generations of players. Through countless updates, changing seasons and the comings and goings of its visitors, *Keely's* creation has become one of the most enduring landmarks in our virtual world.

Over the years, The Hidden Circle Gazette has followed The Lake's story on several occasions. We've spoken with Keely about its beginnings, explored its many transformations and admired the dedication that goes into maintaining a place like this for so long. We've written about the lighthouse, the pavilion, the spectacular sunsets and the many little corners that make The Lake such a distinctive place. But there is another side to its story, one that is perhaps even more important than the room itself.

For all the care that goes into its design, The Lake would be little more than a beautiful collection of pixels without the people who visit it. Some have been coming here for years, while others discovered it only recently. Friendships have been made, romances have blossomed, weddings have been celebrated and countless conversations have taken

place against the backdrop of that familiar water front. For some, The Lake is simply a pleasant place to relax after a long day. For others, it has become a regular meeting place, a refuge from everyday worries or somewhere they feel genuinely at home.

So, for this ninth anniversary, we decided to do something a little different. Rather than asking Keely to tell us more about The Lake, we turned to the people who know it from the other side: the visitors who return day after day, the familiar faces who give the place its character and the people whose lives have, in one way or another, been touched by it. We invited them to share their memories, their experiences and what keeps bringing them back.

What follows is their story, told in their own words.[^1]

> ***~ Bella Raine ~***
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> I remember the first time I experienced the detail put into The Lake. On the portal guide it mentioned a secret location, Asila, but there was no indication of how to get there. I told Keely I was going to find it, spent a weekend looking for clues and ended up finding the entrance. I even had to solve a puzzle that made me feel like Lara Croft discovering an ancient tomb. I was over the moon with myself and I wanted to roam more and search for more hidden secrets, I still do to this day.
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> For so many of us, The Lake has become a rare sanctuary in our world, a place where we can step away to find our own piece of bliss, or share a quiet moment with chill, interesting people. Between the ambient crickets, the lapping waves, and the sweet, melancholic music, there is a healing vibe here that touches every single corner.
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> But beneath the music and laughter lies a quiet truth: this masterpiece would be nothing without the passion, skill, and love of its maker. Every polished pixel and enduring bit of warmth is a direct reflection of Keely's dedication. Her soul is truly poured into the Lake, and we are all luckier for it.



> ***~ Megan Bliss ~***
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> I have countless incredible memories from my visits to The Lake over the years. From the late-night hangouts and chats with Keely and other friends, beating them all in dice games, hehee, to the fun parties and sexy times! But the moments that are the most vivid in my mind are the memories I've made there with my wifey Ava. It has always been a place where we could find calm after a long day. A place where we could just be in the moment and appreciate our love. It is a place where our love blossomed into what it is today, and for that I am forever grateful to Keely and the incredible, not only room, but also ambiance and community she has created. There is really no place like it in 3DX!

> ***~ Meiling ~***

The Lake by Keely

The Lake keeps still when I arrive,
as though it knows the shape of me;
the water holds the fading light,
and asks no questions of my feet.

I have come here through other days,
when life was louder than my heart,
and found beneath the quiet blue
a little room in which to breathe.

There are old paths I still recall,
though no earth waits beneath my tread;
familiar voices linger there,
half memory and half-made dream.

A sunset gathers on the lake,
and someone laughs beyond the trees;
the moment passes, as they do,
yet somehow does not leave me quite.

Perhaps the world is only pixels,
perhaps the stars are only light—
but peace has never asked to prove
the substance of the place it keeps.

So let the waking world move on.
I have no need to follow yet.
Here, where remembered waters rest,
I find the quiet I call home.

~ Bettsi ~

My greatest memory of The Lake is being given the opportunity to perform my songs there in concert as *Eloisa Moon*. It was a wonderful occasion that I shall never forget. Over 200 people listening and dancing. I wrote and performed the song *'The Lake'* specially for that concert. It is my tribute to a wonderful and magical place.

Listen: The Lake: https://thehiddencircle.com/media/2026/11/eloisa-moon-the-lake-remastered.mp3

~ Vibrent ~

What 'The Lake' means to people:

1. A friendly place that offers comfort, belonging and a feeling of being safe that is always there, 24/7. A go-to place when all other rooms are not doing it for you.
2. A place to de-stress from work every night, to just think - therapeutic.
3. A place to have a home - as some do take residence in key areas of the lake.

4. A place to recover from break ups, therapeutic.
5. A romantic place to go on a date.
6. A romantic place to find a date.
7. A great place to have sex.
8. A place to find like minded peeps and socialize.
9. A great place to listen to indie music.
10. A great place to have events.
11. A good place to have a wedding.
12. A place where friends can get together, chat & have fun in a beautiful looking room.

There is also a beautiful 'Wonderland' aspect to the lake. Oh, one last thing... a good place to watch peeps you know have sex - giggles.



~ Sally Sparkles ~

The Lake is truly one of the most magical and unique places in 3DXChat. It offers a rare blend of breath-taking beauty, timeless tranquillity, and a wonderfully immersive atmosphere that instantly makes you feel at peace. From the moment I discovered The Lake, I knew I had found somewhere special.

What makes it even more extraordinary is Miss Keely. From day one, she showed me incredible kindness, generosity, and unwavering support. She welcomed me with open arms, introduced me to the wonderful people who call The Lake their home, and made me feel like I belonged from the very beginning. Her warmth and genuine care for others shine through in everything she does.

Miss Keely has created far more than just a beautiful location; she has built a thriving community filled with friendship, laughter, and companionship. She cares deeply about every person who has made The Lake their home and continually encourages me to entertain, bring smiles, and share laughter with everyone there, something I absolutely adore doing.

Being considered a member of The Lake staff is an honour that I treasure. It has enriched my experience in 3DXChat beyond measure and opened an entirely new world of friendships, opportunities, and sparkling happiness. The Lake has become much more than a destination to me; it has become a second home.

My heartfelt thanks go to Miss Keely and her team for their vision, dedication, and generosity. I sincerely hope that The Lake continues to flourish for many years to come, bringing joy, comfort, and unforgettable memories to everyone fortunate enough to experience it. Here's to another ten years and beyond of creating magic, friendship, and happiness at The Lake.

~ Gary ~

I've spent lots of time at The Lake, pretty much from the start of my 3DX life. The Lake is the place to clear my head, relax, have fun and, most of all, find dear new friends. But especially one: the Lady of the Lake, Keely, whom I'm happy I can truly call a friend.

~ iiAMITYii ~

A Special Place in My Heart

The Lake has always been one of my favorite rooms in 3DX. Every time I visit, I feel peaceful, relaxed, and safe. It is a special place where I can leave the world behind for a while, enjoy some quiet time, and simply be myself.

Everything here feels so thoughtfully designed, from the beautiful lighting and scenery to the cozy private corners and open spaces. Every detail comes together to create such a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Whether I stop by to relax, take pictures, or even fall asleep, I always feel happy to be here.

On both good days and difficult ones, I feel lucky to have a place like The Lake where I can unwind and find a little peace.

Thank you, Keely, for creating this beautiful place and sharing it with all of us. You have created more than just a room in a virtual world. You have created a little sanctuary where people can feel safe, find peace, and make special memories. Your work and dedication mean more than you may realize, and I'm truly grateful to have this wonderful place to visit.

~ PaatPaat ~

Well, I need to start from a bit further back... The first time I visited the lake was around March 2023. Even then, I noticed that something was different—the quiet, the feeling, the atmosphere. It was like a world of its own.

Time passed—though, here, it always seems to move a little more slowly. Days came and went. Then, this June, I met someone truly special: my now-wife. We started spending more and more time together. June 26th—the most important day of this year—arrived. My wife and I were at the lake, as we often are, and I popped the question. We said "I do" by a small house at the lake. Ever since, it has been our home—our sanctuary, a place where we can simply be ourselves.

I just want to say thank you for this wonderful, magical place. Thank you for all the amazing moments shared with you all. Here's to many more great years to come!



~ Arkimadis ~

The Lake has meant a safe, warm and happy place to go every day for years. It's the place I go when I don't know what im doing as well as the place I go to see the people that I love such as Keely herself and my Mistress as this is our favorite place.

The Lake inspired me to build a few different buildings and some of which were eventually given to The Lake for people to enjoy, but it is the warmest and most comfortable place i know of and it always gets better year after year, with love Arki.

~ Eutierria ~

The lake has always been so much more than just a virtual room to me. It's been a place of comfort, familiarity and belonging. It's somewhere I've always felt safe, welcomed and free to relax, rest and recharge.

Through countless memories and different chapters of my 3DX journey, the lake has remained a cherished little sanctuary that I feel incredibly lucky to call home. From its beautiful landscapes, thoughtfully created buildings and the peaceful little corners that make it so special, every part of it holds a sense of warmth and familiarity. There's something truly special about a place that can make you feel at home, even in a virtual world, and I'll forever be grateful to have found that here in 3DX.

I just want to give a heartfelt thank you to Keely and everyone who has poured their time, creativity and love into making the lake what it is today. Your dedication has created something truly special, a place that means so much to so many of us.

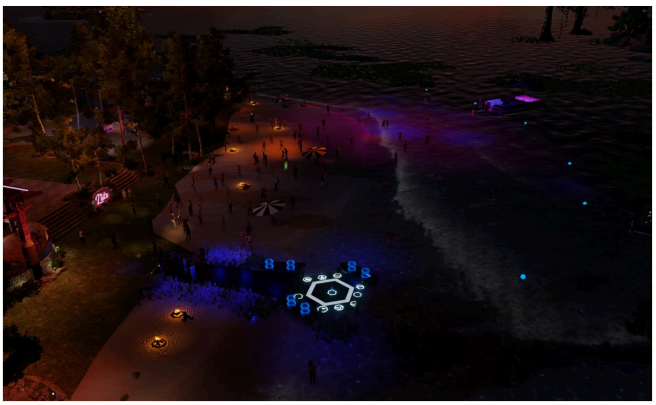
~ Aera ~

The Lake is my sanctuary in 3DX. Whereas most of the rooms are themed very much for the core concept of the game, The Lake feels like a home away from home. The owner is attentive to requests, and actively works to make updates to the room.

The music is comfortable, relaxing, and fits the overall vibe of the room very well. When I need a break from the EDM and Rock of other rooms, the soothing selections the owner provides there helps melt the frustrations of the day away.

And lastly, and my favorite part of The Lake. The people. The owner is a good friend and a good person, but I've also met a lot of people there that are like-minded, kind, and in a social game like 3DX, that is a wonderful aspect. Overall, The Lake is my go-to hangout in 3DX.





> ***~ Babette ~***
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> It took me a little while to fall in love with the lake, but now I can't imagine 3DX without it. So many wonderful hours spent here with friends and lovers, and so many beautiful memories!
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> Thank you for creating such a wonderful place!

> ***~ Animay ~***
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> The Lake is the Eden of 3DX and its creator is God like.
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> Discovering it made me believe in the reality of a second life in a virtual world, and to this day it is still the only truly immersive experience in the game. A place to seek inspiration, nourish your soul, and share in the beauty of the unbounded imagination of its architect.
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> For those still seeking a holy grail online, simply look around you and open your soul to Keely's world within a world, within a world.
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> The Lake, like its lighthouse, remains a beacon of hope that shines a light on just how good things could be in this metaverse. And after eight years, it's why I still login every day.

> ***~ SelinaMoon & SaraMoon ~***
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> **Selina:** Me and Sara were hanging at our usual meeting spot on top of the waterfall, we were doing our usual catching up on the day we both had and Sara made a joke about me proposing. I thought to myself *"you know what im going to do it for real"* and right there, on top of the waterfall I got down on one knee and proposed. My nerves kicked in and I thought that I had maybe jumped the gun but Sara said yes much to my relief. It's one of my happiest memories from being at the lake and even to this day we use it as our meeting place for when we finally get to hold each other.
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> **Sara:** I was just joking... or half joking... I said something about how beautiful the sunset was designed and how we had an amazing view to propose at. Perfect in fact. In my mind one day, she might actually do it. At this spot. I never considered that I was seconds away from the real thing. In that moment when she was on her knee and I realized this was it, the emotions I felt were bigger than anything I've ever felt. I had no idea I was starting in a path to constant support, consistent affection, and eternal love.

> ***~ oOMinaOo & TsNathalie ~***
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> The lake is full of friends and laughter. There are endless conversations and every moment there is special.
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> We wish Keely and her beautiful lake many more years of bringing people together. Congratulations on 9 years.

Nine years, countless visitors and more memories than anyone could possibly collect in a single article. These are just a handful of the stories that have unfolded around The Lake, but together they offer a glimpse of what makes this place so special. The scenery may be virtual, but the friendships, affection and sense of belonging are very real. As The Lake celebrates another anniversary, we can only hope that Keely continues to find the inspiration and enthusiasm to keep its shores welcoming visitors for many years to come.

Happy anniversary, Keely, and thank you for giving so many people a place to call home.



With special thanks to everyone who contributed to this article.

[^1]: These testimonials are presented in no particular order.
