The South Pond is one of the oldest exact features that remains from Swains Nelson’s original design for Lincoln Park (1835).

The area surrounding South Pond is landscaped with turf grass, elms, maples, and other trees, with benches along a paved path that circles the pond. The entire pond is banked by concrete, and does not yet feature any specific natural habitat restoration.

There are two islands at the south end of the pond, near the petting zoo. Numerous ducks, geese, and seagulls swim in the pond. The two islands provide additional habitat.