

Sangoku Moat

This large, square pond served as both a defensive feature and the castle's water reservoir. The pond is filled by rainwater carried by drainage ditches from around the castle. Originally, it was part of a large trench that lay between the West Bailey and the inner castle, but most of the trench was filled in when Ikeda Terumasa (1565–1613) rebuilt Himeji Castle in 1601.