

Two Lake sets? VERY much worth it!

Posted by L - 2007/05/19 02:47

So I picked up a second lake set, which I had originally decided against because last summer was such an intense DF summer. But with the expansion coming (well, so I thought....) it occurred to me that with only one lake set, I'd very possibly only be able to use one or two elements of the expansion at a time, not having nearly enough lake pieces (banks OR corners) to "fill out" a display with the entire contents.

So I decided I'd get another set. I have to say, while I am discouraged to hear the expansion has been delayed, the second lake set is VERY welcome. I had originally concluded that, unlike the river set, the lake set was self-sufficient with one set (the river only giving us 3 corners and 1 dead end, it really took two, I decided, to make a fully enclosed, satisfying display). While it is true that 1 lake set allows you to make a full lake, 2 lake sets REALLY ups the ante! I wasn't sure if my lack of extra open-water pieces would be a problem, or my lack of the expansion pieces for that matter. Not so! It's quite astonishing what you can do. I've already come up with two displays that use every single piece from both lake sets -- and NONE from the river set (not counting walls, of course). It's actually a really fun challenge - use absolutely every lake piece and no river pieces at all.

I am getting TONS of good photos, but sadly my wife is out of town (hence my ability to take up this much room!) and she has the photo software with her -- so no pics from me until next week. Still, I'm having a blast filling up the camera's memory card in the meantime!

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Posted by Shadox - 2007/05/19 12:42

L,

I have 2 lakes sets and 3 river sets. You can do just about anything you want but you do run into the issue of needing the 1 corner pieces and diagonal pieces more often. I also would like to setup a floating island cavern scene with all DF pieces of a decent size. At this point even with the sets I own I do not have quite enough. I did set one up a little bit ago but I had to use river pieces along with the lake pieces and the water width was only 20-30 feet wide. Failed jump checks with blind luck swimming save every one from the sharks. Need more water. I plan on purchasing a few more lake sets and a couple of river sets along with 3 or 4 of the expansion sets. I hope this will allow me to fill up a piece of plywood for an all day setup. I can not wait to see your photos. I may have to do some of my own now. Well maybe not.

-Shadox

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Posted by L - 2007/05/19 13:12

I could already see the need for expansion pieces when I only had one lake set, but to my surprise, two lake sets hasn't made the need feel much stronger. One thing I'm realizing -- boy you need a LOT of space for two lake sets! I have been trying to get as much use out of them without the river set pieces, and it still takes up my whole table. If I add the river sets.... well, I doubt I'll often have room for the full contents of the sets. They're gonna be like my regular dungeon sets -- I get a lot of versatility out of what I own, but I never get to use it all at once.

One thing that surprised me with two sets - I had thought that making an "L"-shaped lake would be impossible without that one-corner piece. In general, it seemed as though all the corners of the lake had to be regular and not "inverted" corners, with banks facing each other, not away from each other. But I realized that the transition pieces do allow for this sort of thing -- my very first huge lake did it, almost by accident. You get a small mini-island, of course, but if you're gonna use ALL the lake pieces that's inevitable anyway. But still, I had thought that two lake sets would allow for larger lakes of essentially the same shape (oval), but that is not true. With six transition pieces, you can actually get some really funky shapes. And I've been limiting myself by insisting on using ALL the lake pieces and NO river pieces -- that means I have to make things a certain size, rather than leave some pieces out, and I can't use river pieces to make a quasi-lake which would give me even MORE shape options.

I think the expansion will make setting up easier, and give us greater options, but I was really pleasantly surprised by how much is possible already even WITHOUT it. It may be limited, but it's there, and I really didn't expect it.

If only I'd anticipated soon enough to get more of those cool lizardman ambushers.... I still ended up with two lake sets, but I blew my chance at six swimming lizards....

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Posted by Harneloot - 2007/05/19 13:53

Pictures please!

I think i ma not as spatially intelligent as some of you master builders, so seeing your set-ups REALLY inspires my creativity and imagination!!!!

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Posted by Stefan - 2007/05/19 14:45

L, I think....your gonna love the expansion set...wish i could say more...

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Posted by Kradlo - 2007/05/19 15:51

I have 3 Cavernous Lake Sets and 3 Cavernous River and Walls Sets, and at times I wish I had more. They're terrific for driving my players crazy (Dwarves in heavy armor just love water!).

I can't wait to see the new expansion set.

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Posted by jkratzer - 2007/05/19 16:50

(Dwarves in heavy armor just love water!).
Did you hurt your tongue, biting it in your cheek like that? :lol: :lol: :lol:

Jim

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Posted by THOTH - 2007/05/23 16:46

I am in the act of assembling a 3 lake, 3 water, 2 cavern & 2 cav passages setup for a game this weekend and I'm planning to experiment with a windy/sinewy lake/river combo - we'll see how it turns out (I may get to work on it tonight or certainly by Thursday PM)...also will attach to a massive DOE setup (2 DOE, 2 DOE WE and 1 DOE rm set plus some other fantasy floor & Grendle related stuff etc...already fully set up...)...pics will be taken...been digging your HA cavern setups (& of course the various town setups...I may try to include some MBS stuff..if I have time...and room! - and of course have been enjoying the DOE contest setups...I intend to submit one after I tear down the current setup..I'll likely miss the June 1 cutoff date though as the game will probably continue through most of the first half of June...)