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The design of Chinese Traditional Garden Bridge in the Summer Palace

Abstract: The Summer Palace formerly Qingyi Park, currently holds 29 garden bridges. These garden bridges not only organize park traffic, connecting each attractions, but also create a different cultural atmosphere, with rich forms. Based on the analysis of the evolution of Chinese traditional garden bridge design, this paper analyzes the types and characteristics of the Summer Palace bridges by means of graphic and inductive methods. What is more, with some theory such as landscape art, architectural aesthetics and bridge aesthetics, the paper makes a discussion on the traditional design methods and techniques of the Summer Palace bridges, and provides a theoretical basis for the modern practice of the traditional garden bridge design.

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