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Bathers at La Grenouillère

1869, [Claude Monet](#)



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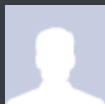
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This painting depicts a popular boating and bathing establishment with an adjacent floating café, on the Seine near Bougival to the west of Paris. In the summer of 1869 Monet was living near La Grenouillère with his mistress, Camille, and their son. Working alongside [Renoir](#), he painted sketches of the scene in a very fresh and direct manner, possibly in preparation for a slightly larger canvas, now lost.

The exceptionally free handling of Monet's painting may in part be due to the canvas being a [sketch](#) for what was to be a more ambitious [composition](#) painted back in the studio. He uses broad areas of colour to indicate the boats moored in the shadows, while dots in the lighted water in the background represent a party of bathers in the river.

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Key facts

Artist	Claude Monet
Artist dates	1840 - 1926
Full title	Bathers at La Grenouillère
Date made	1869
Medium and support	Oil on canvas
Dimensions	73 x 92 cm
Inscription summary	Signed; Dated
Acquisition credit	Bequeathed by Mrs M.S. Walzer as part of the Richard and Sophie Walzer Bequest, 1979
Inventory number	NG6456
Location in Gallery	Not on display

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