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Clean pool – the ultimate off-grid dream

The US has more swimming pools per capita than any other country in the world. There are estimated to be over 11 million pools in the US compared to 8.5 million in Europe. Yet only a few thousand of the pools in the US are natural swimming pools or swimming holes, compared to more than 100,000 installations in Europe.

Today every 5(th) new pool in Europe is a natural swimming pool, with the owners attracted to a chlorine free, healthy and environmental alternative to the conventional pool.

Natural swimming pools are chemically free, requiring no chlorine, but be warned – they cost a bit more than conventional chemical pools. They mimic a crystal clear mountain lake says Peter Petrich, who founded Biotop natural pool company. He is an innovator in the natural pool industry and was the first to commercialize natural swimming pools in the German speaking part of Europe

A Biotop pool, is the Tesla of the pool world – cutting edge technology, says Petrich.

But be warned: its also pricey like a Tesla – For several thousand dollars, the Biotop converter kit can turn a chlorinated pool into a chemical free natural pool oasis. but its a lot more to start from scratch.

Aqua Magazine, the swimming pool industry's trade paper published a lead story at the beginning of 2015 calling Natural designs the future of pools. Dwell, the architecture and design bible, has a Biotop project coming up in early 2016.

