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### Surfing in land-locked Switzerland



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ZURICH (Reuters) - Surfing could come to Switzerland after a sports group said it planned to build a wave machine on a river in Zurich, staid financial hub of the land-locked Alpine country.

"Wave riding is also possible far from the sea," said the Stehende Welle (Standing Wave) organisation on Monday.

A plastic dam on the bed of the Limmat river would pump out tailor-made waves, the group said, adding it hoped to complete the project in 2006 provided it found sponsorship.

"In Switzerland there are half a million snowboarders and every snowboarder is already halfway to being a surfer. A wave is the ideal substitute in summer," said the website.

"Even businessmen could have a surf," spokesman Philipp Kempf added.

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