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dyke

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

dyke [dyke dykes dyked dyking] (also **dike**) BrE [daɪk] ^m NAmE [daɪk] ^m noun

1. a long thick wall that is built to stop water flooding onto a low area of land, especially from the sea
2. (especially BrE) a channel that carries water away from the land

Syn: ↑ditch

3. (taboo, slang) a word for a ↑lesbian, that is usually offensive

See also: ↑dikeWord Origin:senses 1 to 2 Middle English Old Norse *dík* ↑ditch Middle Low German *dīk* 'dam' Middle Dutch *dijc* 'ditch, dam'

sense 3 1940s ↑bulldyke

Example Bank:

- During the 1997 floods the sea broke through the dyke.
- The first dykes were cut in the Middle Ages.
- Wind pumps were built at intervals on the dykes.

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[Sense 1, 3: Language: Old English; Origin: dic 'ditch, dike']

[Sense 2: Date: 1900-2000; Origin: Probably from morphadyke 'male and female person, homosexual' (1900-2000) from hermaphrodite]

1. a wall or bank built to keep back water and prevent flooding
2. *taboo informal* an offensiveword for a ↑lesbian (=woman who is sexually attracted to women). Do not use this word.
3. *especially British English* a narrow passage to carry water away **SYN** ditch

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