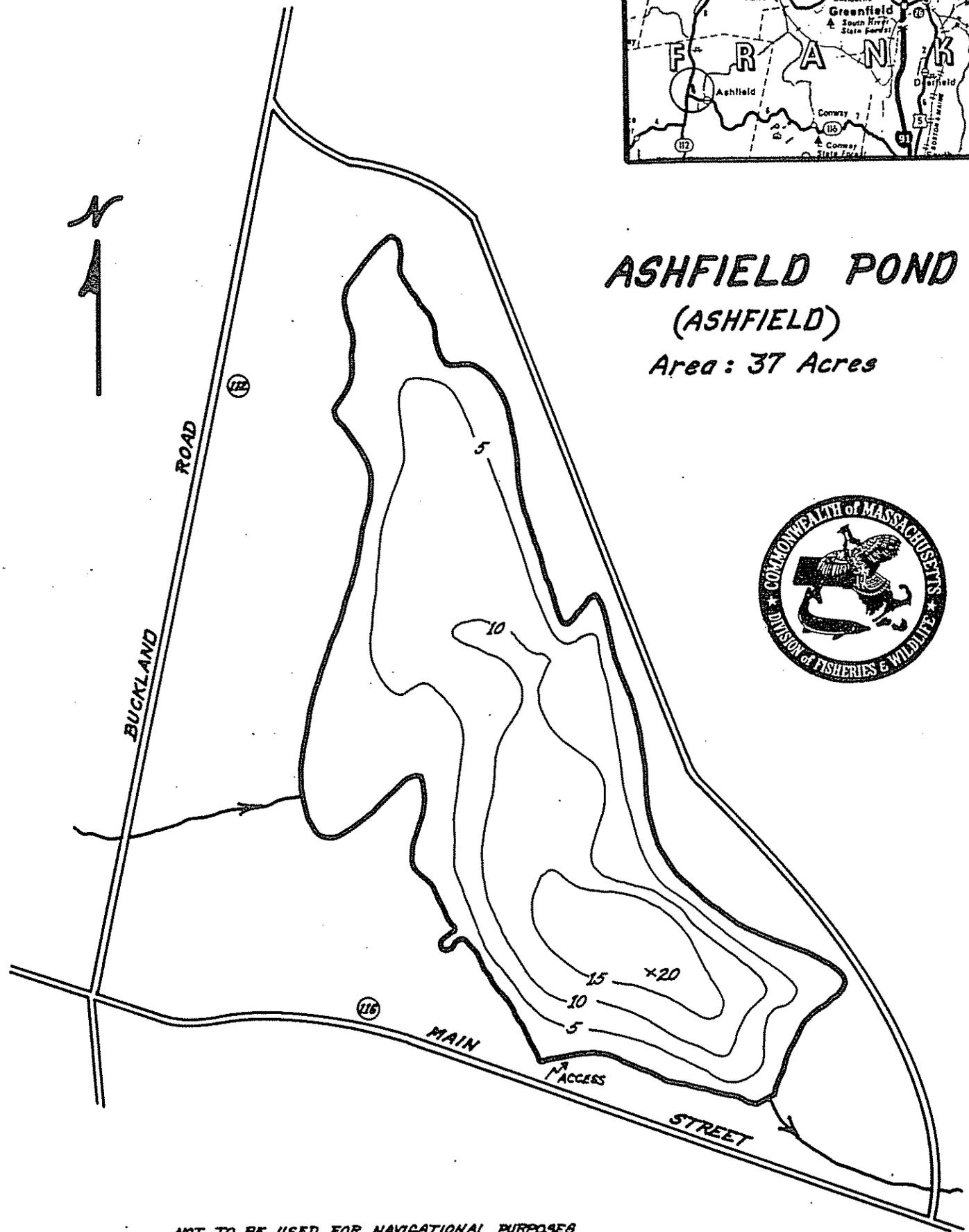


ASHFIELD POND (ASHFIELD) Area: 37 Acres



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ASHFIELD POND (Ashfield)

General Information:

This small, 38 acre pond is located approximately a quarter mile northeast of the intersection of Route 112 and Route 116. Maximum depth is 20 feet; average depth just seven feet. Transparency is good, extending to 12 feet, but aquatic vegetation is abundant, covering up to 80% of the surface by late summer. The bottom is composed of silt and gravel.

The shoreline here is moderately developed with seasonal and permanent homes. Public access is provided by a county right of way located off Route 116. It is suitable for shorefishing and the launching of cartop boats and canoes.

Fish Populations:

This pond was last surveyed in 1980, at which time eight species were recorded: largemouth bass, chain pickerel, brown bullhead, black crappie, pumpkinseed, yellow perch, white sucker and golden shiner. The pond is stocked with trout every spring.

Fishing:

This is primarily a local fishing spot, providing excellent summer bullhead fishing and good perch jigging action during early winter. The stocked trout attract some fishing pressure during the spring months, and judging by the fact that big browns are occasionally reported caught here, at least some trout appear to hold over from season to season. The bass population is not particularly abundant, but it contains a number of large fish. Anglers seeking the bass in summer should come equipped with weedless surface lures or rubber worms, as the abundant vegetation virtually rules out other terminal tackle.

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