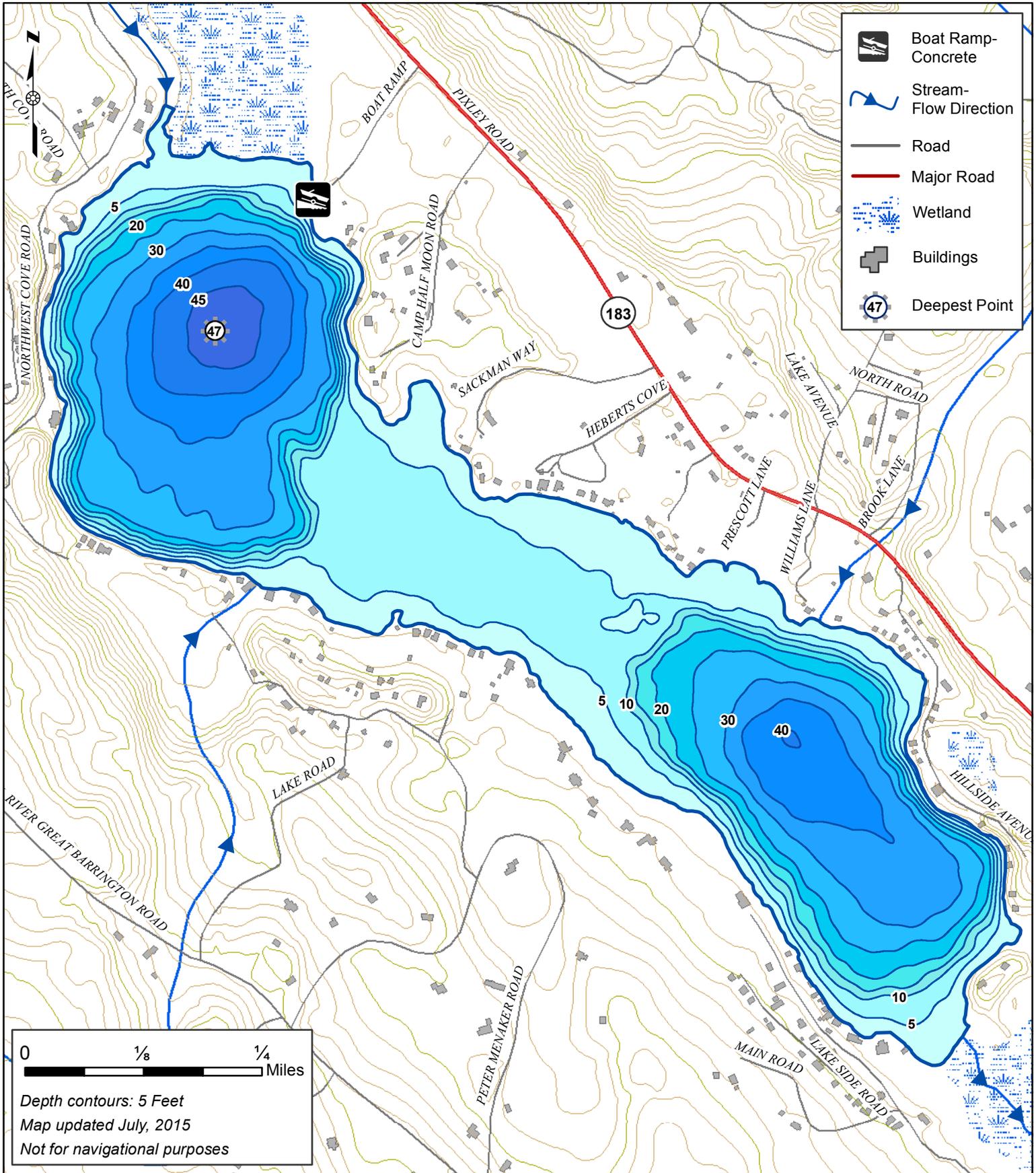
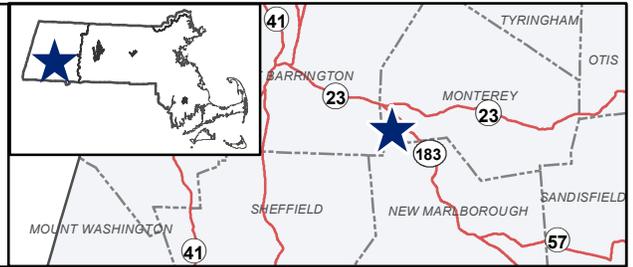




# Lake Buel

196 Acres  
New Marlborough/Monterey  
Housatonic River Watershed  
Coordinates: 73°16'47"W 42°10'30"N  
USGS Quad: Great Barrington





# Lake Buel, Monterey/New Marlborough

## General Information

Lake Buel is a 196 acre enlarged Great Pond located just south of Route 57, roughly a mile south of its junction with Route 23. The pond consists of two deep bowls separated by a shallower, but readily navigable plateau. The average depth of Buel is approximately 18 feet with a maximum of 47 feet in the western bowl. Water transparency extends to 13 feet and aquatic vegetation is thick in all but the deepest parts of the lake. The shoreline is heavily developed with both permanent and seasonal residences. Recreational use of the lake is high.

## Recreational Access

There is an excellent, paved boat ramp (73°16'47.36"W 42°10'30.24"N) on the northwestern side of the pond managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). It is suitable for launching all but the largest trailered craft. A paved lot next to the ramp provides ample parking space for up to 30 vehicles. With the exception of the boat ramp, the shores of Lake Buel are privately owned. As a result, Lake Buel is best accessed by boat, or via the ice in winter. Please contact the DCR regional office for additional information and/or restrictions pertaining to public access of Lake Buel.

## Fish Populations

The following fish species were found during MassWildlife surveys: Pumpkinseed, Bluegill, Black Crappie, Yellow Perch, Chain Pickerel, Largemouth Bass, Brown Bullhead, White Sucker, and Golden Shiner. Trout are stocked each spring and fall. Lake Buel has also been stocked occasionally with Northern Pike, and a small reproducing population is believed to have become established.

## Fishing

Trout are considered the major fishery in Lake Buel and draw heavy pressure during spring. Largemouth Bass and panfish are abundant and trophy Largemouth Bass are occasionally taken. The vast majority of Northern Pike are caught during the winter, some exceeding 20 lbs. Lake Buel has produced Rock Bass, Yellow Perch, Chain Pickerel, Largemouth Bass, Brown Trout, Brook Trout, and Northern Pike that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Freshwater Sportfishing Awards Program.

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