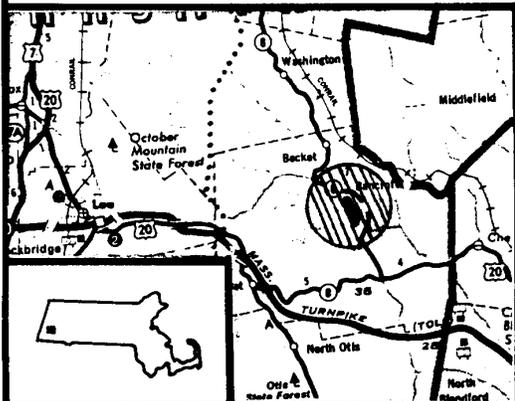


**LOCATION**



**CENTER POND  
(BECKET)  
Area: 125 Acres**

*NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES*

## CENTER POND (Becket)

### General Information:

This pretty 125-acre pond is located a half mile north of Becket center. Maximum depth is 11 feet; average depth is around six feet. The bottom is composed primarily of rock and rubble; aquatic vegetation is sparse and scattered. Transparency is very good, extending to 12 feet or more. The mountainous, wooded shoreline is moderately developed with summer camps and cottages.

Public access is limited to a narrow right of way suitable primarily for shore fishing, although a canoe or car top boat can be portaged across it. The right of way is difficult to locate and there is no formal parking area.

### Fish Populations:

The most recent survey of this pond was conducted back in June of 1981. Nine species were recorded at that time: largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, yellow perch, white perch, bluegill, pumpkinseed, white sucker and golden shiner.

### Fishing:

This pond has evolved from a good pickerel pond in the 1930s and 1940s to a fair smallmouth bass pond in the 1950s and 1960s. More recent survey work indicates the pond's fishery resources have continued to change, and it is now noted for large white perch and abundant yellow perch. The remaining gamefish are relatively large, but have become decidedly uncommon.

If an angler can get on this pond and manage to hook a bass or pickerel, the fish is likely to be a good one. The perch dominate, however, and can provide excellent action and table fare during any season. They should be particularly vulnerable to jigging during the winter.

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