

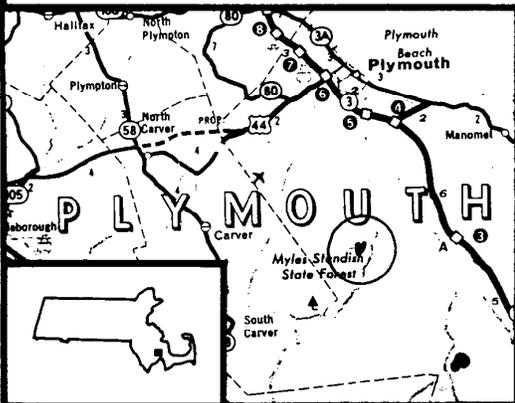
# COLLEGE POND

PLYMOUTH

Area = 53 Acres



## LOCATION



NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

## COLLEGE POND

*Plymouth*

*Plymouth County*

*Buzzards Bay Watershed*

*Latitude: 41.8669581N Longitude: 70.6643631 W*



**53 Acres**

**Depth:** 10 feet Average  
24 feet Maximum

**Primary Gamefish:**  
*White Perch*

### **General Information:**

College Pond is a 53-acre natural kettlehole pond with an average depth of 10 feet and a maximum depth of 24 feet. The bottom is composed primarily of rock and rubble, and vegetation is scant. Transparency is highly variable, ranging from as little as 4 feet to as much as 23 feet. There are 1.1 miles of shoreline on this pond, roughly 50% developed with summer cottages and a state forest beach.

### **Access:**

College Pond is located 2.1 miles from the intersection of Lower College Pond Road and Wayne Stiles Road, within the confines of Myles Standish State Forest. There is no formal access except through a swimming beach and picnic area, so expect heavy usage by vacationers during the summer months.

### **Management History:**

Between 1925 and 1945, College Pond was stocked with brook trout, smallmouth bass, bluegill, brown bullhead, white perch, yellow perch, chain pickerel and black crappie. It was surveyed on July 17, 1952 and contained pumpkinseed, yellow perch, brown bullhead and smallmouth bass. This infertile pond was reclaimed on June 4, 1957 and contained only 31 pounds of fish per acre. Banded killifish, yellow perch and pumpkinseed sunfish made up the bulk of the fish population with only two chain pickerel, two smallmouth bass and four white perch (all adults) recovered. It was restocked with smallmouth bass fingerlings in summer 1957 and adult smallmouth bass in spring 1958. Like many ponds in this glacial outwash area, it was losing its buffering capacity and productivity to acid rain. It was surveyed on June 11, 1980 and contained only yellow perch, white perch and smallmouth bass. It was treated with 19 tons of limestone in 1983 to counteract these effects.

### **Fish Populations:**

The fish population of College Pond was last sampled on September 12, 1995. White perch, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, yellow perch and banded killifish were reported. White perch were the dominant fish species in the pond. The smallmouth bass were small and in poor condition.

### **Fishing:**

Fishing in College can only be rated as poor. The smallmouth bass display poor growth rates and the white perch which now dominate the pond average about 9 inches. Productivity may have improved somewhat since the addition of buffering limestone in 1983, but due to the natural infertility of this pond, it is doubtful that it will ever be a big fish producer. Other nearby ponds in Myles Standish State Forest include Barrett Pond, Fearings Pond, Charge Pond and Curlew Pond.