



Crystal Lake  
ORLEANS  
36 Acres

Not To Be Used For Navigational Purposes

# CRYSTAL LAKE

Orleans

*Barnstable County*

*Cape Cod Watershed*

Latitude: 41.7733071 N Longitude: 69.9821222 W



**36 Acres**

**Depth:** 21 feet Average  
44 feet Maximum

**Primary Gamefish:**

*Trout*

## General Information:

Crystal Lake is a somewhat acidic, 36 acre natural kettlehole pond which has a maximum depth of 44 feet and an average depth of 21 feet. The pond is also known as Fresh Pond. The 0.9 miles of shoreline are primarily residential.

## Access:

Crystal Lake is located about one mile south of Orleans Center, just east of Route 28. To get there from the Sagamore Bridge, take Route 6 east to Exit 12; right onto Route 6A; right onto Route 28. There are two access points provided by the town. A steep paved ramp off of Route 28 about 3/10 of a mile south of Eldridge Road provides access in the northwest section. The southeast access can be reached by traveling further down Route 28 and taking a left onto Monument Road. The access area (Malcolm F. Dickinson Conservation and Recreation Area) is off Monument Road. This access consists of a gravel parking lot that can accommodate approximately eight cars, and a path for foot access or to carry canoes. The shoreline is easily wadeable. ***There is a 10 horsepower motor limit enforced by the town of Orleans.***

## Management History:

Crystal Lake was reclaimed in 1954. An estimated 2,248 pounds of fish, primarily yellow perch and American eels were recovered at that time. The pond was reclaimed again in 1962. The pond was stocked with adult smallmouth bass in 1979 and 1981 to increase the brood stock of bass in the pond.

## Fish Populations:

Crystal Lake was last surveyed on August 22, 1995 and contained nine species: largemouth bass, pumpkinseed, chain pickerel, banded killifish, brown bullhead, rainbow trout, golden shiner, smallmouth bass and American eel. The pond is annually stocked with brook, brown and rainbow trout.

## Fishing:

Crystal Lake is a good pond for trout fishing in the spring and fall. Largemouth bass and pumpkinseeds should offer some summer fun. The smallmouth bass appear to have been out-competed by the largemouth bass. In summer, look for the trout at depths of 19 to 24 feet. Other nearby ponds are Baker Pond in Orleans and Goose Pond and Schoolhouse Pond in Chatham.

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