



FIVE MILE POND

SPRINGFIELD

HAMPDEN COUNTY

AREA = 48 ACRES



NOT FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

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General Information:

Five Mile is a 48-acre pond located immediately north of Route 20A in a highly urbanized section of Springfield. Depth averages 12 feet with a maximum of 35 feet. This pond is entirely spring fed. The water is clear and of good quality with a transparency of 17 feet. Trout water volume averages 15% of the total lake volume.

The bottom type is predominantly mud with gravel and sand along the shoreline. Aquatic weeds are scant except on the eastern side of the pond, where they are abundant.

The shoreline is approximately 50% developed with year round homes and a public swimming beach. There is a railroad track along the northern shoreline separating Five Mile Pond from Lake Lorraine. The shoreline fishing area is extensive. Boat access is provided by a paved ramp located at the town beach.

This pond can be located on the U.S.G.S. topographical quad map titled "Springfield North." Nearby fishing areas include the Chicopee and Mill Rivers, Lake Lorraine, Loon Pond and Watershops Pond.

Fish Populations:

The fish population was most recently studied during a 1978 summer survey. Ten species were collected including the following: largemouth bass, yellow perch, bluegill, pumpkinseed, longear sunfish, banded killifish, golden shiner, creek chubsucker, yellow bullhead and brown bullhead.

Fishing:

Fishing pressure is heaviest April through June and September through October when the Division stocks rainbow and brown trout. The pond also offers an assortment of warm water species with largemouth bass being the most sought for species. Ice fishing is primarily for trout. In the spring of 1992 and 1993, Five Mile Pond was also stocked with surplus Atlantic Salmon in the 4-20 pound range.

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