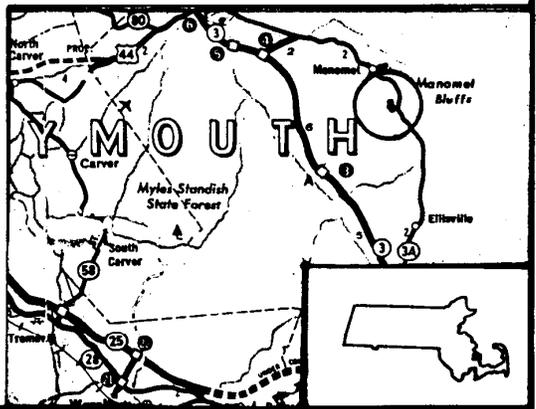


FRESH POND
(PLYMOUTH)
Area : 62 Acres

LOCATION



NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

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FRESH POND

Plymouth

*Plymouth County
South Coastal Watershed*

Latitude: 41.9038604 N Longitude: 70.5564651 W



62 Acres

Depth: 12 feet

Average

30 feet Max.

Primary Gamefish:

Trout

General Information:

Fresh Pond is a 62 acre natural kettlehole pond with an average depth of 12 feet and a maximum depth of 30 feet. The pond is fed by groundwater and a small inlet from Warner Pond and has an outlet to cranberry bogs and Beaver Dam Brook. The bottom is composed of sand and rubble, and the water is clear and has good transparency at 15 feet. There is only scant emergent aquatic vegetation. Most of the 1.3 miles of shoreline is developed with houses.

Access:

Fresh Pond is located in the Manomet section of Plymouth and access is located off Bartlett Road, roughly a mile south of its connection with Route 3 A. The town of Plymouth provides a steep, unpaved ramp suitable for canoes and cartop boats. A nearby parking lot at the town beach can accommodate numerous vehicles. The pond can also be accessed off Route 3A through a drainage easement.

Management History:

Old stocking records indicate the pond has been stocked with white perch, crappie and bullheads. A July 1946 survey captured yellow perch, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, banded killifish, pumpkinseed and bluegill. Other species noted during a July, 1961 survey were brown bullhead, golden shiner and American eel. Fresh Pond has been annually stocked in the spring with trout since 1961. The fish population was sampled in June of 1981 when 10 species were observed. In order of sampling abundance, they were yellow perch, American eel, pumpkinseed, brook trout, banded killifish, chain pickerel, largemouth bass, bluegill, rainbow trout and white perch. Due to concerns about acid rain impact on the ponds buffering capacity, 20 tons of limestone were added in 1983.

Fish Populations:

The fish population was most recently sampled in June of 2001 when 12 species were observed. Listed in order of sampling abundance, they were yellow perch, pumpkinseed, bluegill, largemouth bass, banded killifish, chain pickerel, brown trout, brown bullhead, rainbow trout, white perch, smallmouth bass and American eel.

Fishing:

Fresh Pond is stocked each spring with rainbow, brook and/or brown trout. The pond does not have a large amount of summer trout habitat and the trout fishery is generally limited to the spring. This pond might be a good place to try during March through May for those anglers seeking less crowded conditions than occurs in other more popular and more heavily stocked trout ponds in the Plymouth area. This relatively infertile pond would not be expected to provide high concentrations of panfish or good growth rates for gamefish but did offer some decent largemouth bass and yellow perch during the 20012 fish survey. Other nearby ponds in Manomet include Bartlett Pond, Long Island Pond and Island Pond.

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