



Goose Pond

CHATHAM

38 Acres

Not To Be Used For Navigational Purposes

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Barnstable County

Cape Cod Watershed

Latitude: 41.69447 N Longitude: 70.00774 W



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Depth: 24 Feet Average
52 Feet Maximum

Primary Gamefish:
Trout

General Information:

Goose Pond is a 38 acre natural kettlehole pond with an average depth of 24 feet and a maximum depth of 52 feet. Transparency is excellent good extending to 23 feet, and aquatic vegetation is scant. The 0.87 miles of shoreline are wooded and sparsely developed. The bottom is composed primarily of sand. Summer trout water is present in a layer between 29 feet and 34 feet (September 2006 data).

Access:

Public access to the pond is provided by the town of Chatham. To get to this pond from Route 6, take exit 11 and go south 1.7 miles on Route 137. Take a left onto Queen Anne Road and head east for four-tenths (0.4) of a mile. The access is a dirt road on the right. This public right-of-way is suitable only for the launching of cartop boats and canoes. ***Electric motors only are permitted; no outboard motors are allowed.***

Management History:

Between 1931 and 1947, the pond was stocked with brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, smallmouth bass, white perch, crappie and brown bullheads. The 1948 state biological survey found yellow perch, brown trout, rainbow trout and banded killifish. The pond was reclaimed for trout management in 1954, 1959, 1963 and 1973. In the first reclamation, almost 2000 lbs of fish were present primarily brown bullheads (65%) and yellow perch (25%) with smaller amounts of smallmouth bass, American eel, pumpkinseeds, brown trout and banded killifish. Goose Pond was one of the last ponds in Massachusetts to be reclaimed. Due to concerns over acidification, the pond was treated with limestone in 1979. It was stocked with adult smallmouth bass in 1980 and 1981.

Fish Populations:

This pond was most recently surveyed in September 2006 and contained largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, pumpkinseed and banded killifish. Yellow perch were also found in a 2005 survey. In a 1988 fish survey, six species were recorded present: banded killifish, golden shiners, yellow perch, brown bullhead, mummichogs, and brown trout.

Fishing:

Goose Pond is stocked annually in the spring and fall with brook, brown and rainbow trout. Holdover trout are reported, indicating that the pond can carry trout through the summer. All the usual trout baits, lures and flies are effective. The sunken island or "hump" out in front of the access point is always a good spot to start fishing, as trout tend to hang on this structure during the spring and early summer. Shoreline anglers can target the trough between the shore and the hump. Other nearby ponds include Schoolhouse Pond in Chatham and the Herring River Reservoir in Harwich.

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