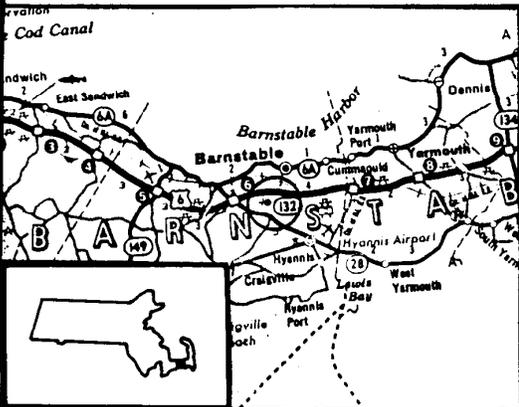




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 ← 0.4 Mi. to Rt. 132

LOCATION



HATHAWAY POND
 (BARNSTABLE)
 AREA = 20 Acres

Hathaway Pond
Barnstable
Barnstable County
Cape Cod Watershed

Latitude: 41.6840294 N Longitude: 70.3122957 W



20 Acres
Depth: 27 Feet Average
57 Feet Maximum
Primary Gamefish:
Brook Trout

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General Information:

Hathaway Pond is a small, 20 acre natural kettlehole pond with an average depth of 27 feet and a maximum depth of 57 feet. Transparency is excellent, extending to 23 feet. The pond has low alkalinity and is acidic; spring Ph is often below 6.0. The bottom is composed of rubble and sand, and the 0.78 miles of shoreline is undeveloped with the exception of a town beach. This pond is also known as North Hathaway Pond; South Hathaways Pond is a very shallow warmwater pond.

Access:

Hathaway Pond is located about 1.5 miles southeast of the Route 6/Route 132 interchange; and east of Wequaquet Lake. From Route 6, take exit 6 onto Route 132 south. At the Phinneys Lane stoplight take a left and travel 0.4 miles. The access road to the town beach is on the left. A small ramp suitable for launching of cartop boats and canoes is located to the right of the town beach.

Management History:

Fisheries management on this pond dates back to 1873, when smallmouth bass were introduced. It was stocked with brook trout between 1941 and 1955 and rainbow trout between 1949 and 1955. Hathaway Pond was surveyed on July 16, 1948 and banded killifish, pumpkinseeds and smallmouth bass were found. Trout water was found from 22-56 feet which made up 14% of the ponds volume. Based on this survey, Hathaway Pond was reclaimed for trout management on September 27, 1952. It was stocked without success with landlocked alewives in 1953. Used extensively for experimental management, it was reclaimed again in 1956 and 1962. In 1967, 1969, 1971 and 1973, the pond was reclaimed and restocked with alewives and trout as an experimental pond. It was limed in September 1982 with 10 tons of limestone to counteract the effects of acid rain. Adult smallmouth bass were stocked in 1982.

Fish Populations:

The most recent fisheries survey was conducted in 1991, at which time six species were found present: brook trout, smallmouth bass, yellow perch, pumpkinseed sunfish, banded killifish and American eel.

Fishing:

Hathaway Pond is annually stocked in the spring with brook trout and tiger trout when available. It is managed for brook trout and offers the potential for good holdover brook trout. Garden worms, bright colored streamers and small spinners are all highly recommended. During summer, look for the brookies to be at depths of 26 to 40 feet. Anglers may also want to pursue the smallmouth and yellow perch, as there are at least a few fine examples of both species present here.

During the summer this pond receives heavy recreational use as a town swimming area. Due to the clarity of the water, it is also used extensively by scuba divers, some of whom sunk an old cabin cruiser in the pond to use as a diving site. Other nearby ponds in Barnstable include Wequaquet Lake, Garretts Pond, Hamblin Pond and Shubael Pond.

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