



Johns Pond

Mashpee
243 Acres

Not to be used for navigational purposes

Maximum Depth = 65 Feet



1.5 MILES TO
ROUTE 28



Nathan Ellis Hwy

151

Johns Pond

Mashpee

Barnstable County

Cape Cod Watershed

Latitude: 41 37 30 N Longitude: 70 31 20 W



317 Acres

Depth: 23 Feet Average

65 Feet Maximum

Primary Gamefish:

*Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth
Bass, Trout*

General Information:

Johns Pond is a 317 acre natural kettlehole pond with an average depth of 23 feet and a maximum depth of 65 feet. Johns Pond is located just southeast of Ashumet Pond and the Otis Air National Guard Base. Transparency is very good, extending to 18 feet, and aquatic vegetation is scarce, limited primarily to the cove areas at the pond's southern end. The bottom is composed primarily of sand, although there are some areas of rubble and gravel. The pond has 3.7 miles of shoreline which are heavily developed with residential homes and beaches. The pond drains into the Quashnet River at the north end and the Childs River in the south end.

Access:

Johns Pond has a paved boat ramp, suitable for launching light trailered boats, cartop boats and canoes, is provided by the Public Access Board. There is parking for approximately 10 vehicles. The ramp is located on the northwest corner of the pond off of Hooppole Road. Johns Pond can be reached by taking Route 28 south from the Bourne Bridge, then heading east on Route 151. A left onto Ashumet Road (just after the intersection of Route 151 and Sandwich Road) leads to Hooppole Road.

Management History:

Prior to 1948, Johns Pond had been stocked with smallmouth bass, white perch, and yellow perch. A July 23, 1948 survey found yellow perch, golden shiners, pumpkinseeds, white suckers, smallmouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel and banded killifish. Johns Pond has been stocked annually since at least 1956 with trout.

Fish Populations:

Several fisheries surveys conducted during 1991, 1992, 1994, 1999 and 2000 recorded 16 species present: largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, rainbow trout, brook trout, alewife, yellow perch, white perch, banded killifish, tessellated darter, brown bullhead, golden shiner, American eel, white sucker, pumpkinseeds, bluegills and brown trout

Fishing:

Johns Pond is an excellent and heavily fished bass pond containing good populations of both smallmouth and largemouth bass. Abundant forage is present in the form of sea-run alewives which make their way up the Quashnet River from Waquoit Bay and Vineyard Sound. The abundant alewives translate into good growth rates for bass. Johns Pond is annually stocked in the spring and fall with rainbow trout and brook trout. During the summer, fish for trout in the 27 to 34 foot depth range. Concerns over possible contamination of the pond by pollution from the Massachusetts Military Reservation (former Otis Air Force Base) has led to extensive sampling of this pond for contaminants. Trace levels of solvents have been detected in groundwater entering the pond near the state boat ramp but have been below detection levels in the pond water itself.

Fish Consumption Advisory: There is a public health fish consumption advisory on Johns Pond due to [high mercury levels](#). (unrelated to Otis AFB). Smallmouth bass from Johns Pond should not be consumed. The general public is advised to limit consumption of all other fish from this pond to two meals per month. Children under 12, pregnant women and nursing mother should refrain from eating fish from Johns Pond. These fish consumptions advisories do not apply to stocked trout. For further information on fish consumption advisories, call the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Environmental Health Assessment (617) 624-5757.