



# Little Cliff Pond

BREWSTER

33 Acres

Not To Be Used For Navigational Purposes



## **LITTLE CLIFF POND**

***Brewster***

***Barnstable County***

***Cape Cod Watershed***

Latitude: 41.7567987 N Longitude: 70.0156844 W



**33 Acres**

***Depth: 18 feet Average***

***34 Feet Maximum***

**Primary Gamefish:**

***Trout, Largemouth Bass***

### **General Information:**

Little Cliff Pond in Brewster is a 33 acre natural kettlehole pond with an average depth of 18 feet and a maximum depth of 34 feet. In the past, it was also called Long Pond because of its long thin shape. Transparency is very good, extending to 18 feet, and the bottom is composed of sand with mud present in the deeper areas. Aquatic vegetation is common particularly along the shoreline edges which are bordered with bullrushes. The 1.3 miles of shoreline are wooded and undeveloped. The pond is unstratified during the summer months and trout water is generally limited to spring areas.

### **Access:**

Little Cliff Pond is located in Nickerson State Park between Cliff and Higgins Ponds. It can be reached by entering the park and taking a left onto Flax Pond Road. At the end of the road, Little Cliff is the small pond on the left (Cliff Pond is on the right). A paved ramp, somewhat sanded in, is suitable for launching cartop boats and canoes.

### **Management History:**

Little Cliff Pond was surveyed on September 1, 1911 and a barrier beach was reported separating the pond from Cliff Pond. Yellow perch, chain pickerel and brown bullhead were reported. The pond was stocked with brook, brown and rainbow trout in 1935 and with brown bullhead in 1952. An August 16, 1948 pond survey reported golden shiner, bridle shiner, chain pickerel, brown bullhead and yellow perch. It was reclaimed for warmwater fish management in September 1954. Yellow perch and brown bullheads mad up two-thirds of the fish removed and carrying capacity was estimated at 40 pounds per acre. In 1955, the pond was restocked with smallmouth bass and largemouth bass as gamefish, and with alewives to act as a forage fish. Starting in 1961, the pond has been annually stocked with trout (except in 1976 when the pH was too low). It was partially reclaimed for trout management in 1971. Little Cliff Pond was treated with 20 tons of limestone in 1977, and an additional 37.5 tons in 1991 to counteract the effects of acid rain. Adult smallmouth bass broodstock were stocked in 1980 and 1981.

### **Fish Populations:**

Little Cliff Pond was most recently surveyed in July of 1997. The survey found a total of eight species: largemouth bass, brown bullhead, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, golden shiners, goldfish, banded killifish, and smallmouth bass. Largemouth bass and brown bullhead were abundant, pumpkinseed and yellow perch were common.

### **Fishing:**

Little Cliff Pond is stocked annually in the spring and fall with brook, brown and rainbow trout. Due to the small size of the pond and its undeveloped shoreline, it can be easily fished from shore or by wading. Spinfishers can try casting small spinners or spoons, flyfishers can try streamer flies and nymphs and baitfishers can use doughbaits or worms fished a little off the bottom. In July through September, look for the trout to be in a narrow depth range around 24 feet and over spring holes. While stocked trout are the primary focus here, a good population of largemouth bass are present in Little Cliff Pond. Some smallmouth bass are also caught every year. Other nearby ponds in Nickerson State Park are Flax Pond, Cliff Pond and Higgins Pond. Baker Pond and Crystal Lake are located in nearby Orleans. *Updated: July 26, 2006 S.T.H.*