



# Long Pond, Rutland

# **General Information**

Long Pond is a 177-acre Great Pond located at the intersection of Route 122 and Route 122A in Rutland. It is comprised of 3 basins which are not connected by navigable waterways. The north (33 acres) and middle (42 acres) basins are smaller and much shallower averaging 3 to 4 feet in depth. The south basin (102 acres) has an average depth of 13 feet and a maximum depth of 29 feet. Water clarity improves as you move from south to north and aquatic vegetation is abundant with the exception of the deeper areas in the south basin. Long Pond lies entirely within conservation lands and its shores are completely undeveloped. The south basin is a popular spot for fishing, swimming, boating, and paddling during the warmer months.

### **Recreational Access**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) manages a large, double concrete boat ramp (71°59'32.518"W 42°21'30.612"N) and 50-car parking lot directly off of Rt. 122 which provides access to the south basin. The north and middle basins are only assessable to cartop boats and canoes via informal dirt access sites (see map). Shoreline access is excellent at all three ponds. There is a 20 (2-stroke engine) and 25 (4-stroke engine) horsepower restriction unless a special permit is obtained from DCR. Please contact the offices of Rutland State Park for additional information and/or restrictions pertaining to public access of Long Pond.

### **Fish Populations**

The following fish species were found during MassWildlife surveys: Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Yellow Perch, White Perch, Black Crappie, Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Rock Bass, Brown Bullhead, White Sucker, and Golden Shiner. The south basin of Long Pond is also stocked with large numbers of trout every spring and fall.

# Fishing

Long Pond is an excellent location for catching stocked trout and is heavily fished. Trout fishermen do best when trolling the steep drop-offs on the eastern and western shores of the south basin. Largemouth Bass fishing is also good with some fish being reported to exceed 7 lbs. Yellow Perch, some exceeding 1 lb, and other panfish are caught in abundance through the ice in winter. Long Pond has produced Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Bluegill, Rock Bass, Black Crappie, Yellow Perch, Brown Trout, Brook Trout, Tiger Trout, and Rainbow Trout that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Freshwater Sportfishing Awards Program.

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