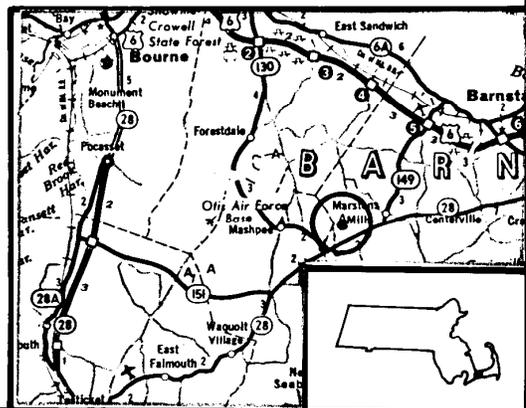


**LOVELLS POND**  
**(BARNSTABLE)**  
*Area: 56 Acres*

**LOCATION**



NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

**Lovells Pond**  
**Barnstable**  
*Barnstable County*  
*Cape Cod Watershed*

Latitude: 41.6484787 N Longitude: 70.4422444 W



**56 Acres**  
**Depth:** 19 Feet Average  
56 Feet Maximum  
**Primary Gamefish:**  
*Trout, Largemouth Bass*

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### **General Information:**

Lovells Pond is a 56 acre natural kettlehole pond with an average depth of 19 feet and a maximum depth of 37 feet. During the summer months, the water can be a distinctive greenish color. Transparency can drop as low as five feet. The bottom is primarily of sand and rubble with a few gravel shoals. Vegetation is relatively scarce and limited to near-shore areas. The 1.1 miles of shoreline is moderately developed with homes, a town beach and cranberry bogs. The pond is fed by groundwater and cranberry bog drainage. The pond drains to the Little River and Cotuit Bay, the outlet was blocked for many years but has recently been reopened. Water levels are fairly stable in this pond.

### **Access:**

Lovells Pond is located in the Santuit section of the town of Barnstable, near the Mashpee line and about a half mile north of Route 28. To get to the pond, take Newtown Road (an extension of Santuit Road) north from Route 28. There is an Office of Fishing and Boating Access ramp on the western end of the pond just off Newtown Road. The ramp is paved and suitable for light trailered boats, cartop boats and canoes, a small parking area can accommodate approximately two to four vehicles. Anglers can also access the pond through the town beach. *There is a 10 horsepower limit on outboard motors.*

### **Management History:**

Historical records indicate Lovells Pond was stocked with largemouth bass, white perch and yellow perch. A July 1948 survey found bridle shiner, golden shiner, pumpkinseeds, chain pickerel, smallmouth bass and brown bullhead. Lovells Pond was reclaimed for trout management in September 1956 and since then has been annually stocked with trout. In 1956, the fish population consisted of alewife, banded killifish, pumpkinseed, yellow perch, smallmouth bass, brown bullhead and white sucker. In 1961, the pond was reclaimed again and contained alewife, banded killifish, white sucker, pumpkinseed, white sucker and yellow perch. Alewives were transported into the pond from Santuit Pond when the cranberry bogs were flooded. Lovells Pond was surveyed in July 1981, and six species were reported: golden shiner, smallmouth bass, yellow perch, brown bullhead, chain pickerel and pumpkinseed. Recent concerns about declines in the ponds water quality led to a town funded diagnostic feasibility study in 1996 to determine potential future actions to control nutrient enrichment. An aeration system has been planned to help the water quality problems in the pond.

### **Fish Populations:**

Lovells Pond was last surveyed on May 17, 1990 and contained American eel, pumpkinseed sunfish, golden shiner, largemouth bass, chain pickerel, swamp darter, brown bullhead, brown trout, rainbow trout, and yellow perch.

### **Fishing:**

Lovells Pond is annually stocked in the spring with brook, brown and rainbow trout. Trout habitat has declined over the years and in 1993 and 1994 summer trout habitat (less than 70 F and greater than 5 ppm of dissolved oxygen) was either non-existent or in a thin layer around 16 to 17 feet. Under these conditions trout holdover in small pockets of groundwater fed spring holes. The most recent survey identified some decent largemouth bass which should improve summer fishing prospects.

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