



Pilgrim Lake

ORLEANS

39 Acres

Not To Be Used For Navigational Purposes

X - Maximum Depth = 28 feet



Pilgrim Lake
Orleans
Barnstable County
Cape Cod Watershed

Latitude: 41.7644066 N Longitude: 69.9784918 W



39 Acres
Depth: 12 Feet Average
28 Feet Maximum

Primary Gamefish:
Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel

General Information:

Pilgrim Lake in Orleans, also known as Dean Sparrows Pond, is a 39 acre natural kettlehole pond with an average depth of 12 feet and a maximum depth of 28 feet. Transparency is good, extending to 12 feet, and the bottom is composed of muck, sand and gravel. Aquatic vegetation is common. The 1.2 miles of shoreline is mostly wooded and moderately developed with residential homes.

Access:

Access to Pilgrim Lake is provided by a town right-of-way and beach on the north side of the lake. To get there, take Monument Road from Route 28. The access road can be reached from a right (Herring Brook Way) off of Monument Road which runs between Pilgrim Lake and Kescayo Gansett Pond. The access is suitable for launching cartop boats, canoes and lightweight trailered craft.

Restrictions: No internal combustion engines, electric motors only (TOWN BY-LAW)

Management History:

Prior to 1964, the lake had been stocked with white perch. A 1964 pond map narrative reported the pond contained, chain pickerel, white perch, yellow perch, eels, alewives, banded killifish and banded sunfish.

Fish Populations:

No recent fisheries surveys have been conducted here, but at least seven species have been recorded present in the past: chain pickerel, banded killifish, white perch, yellow perch, banded sunfish, American eel and alewife (sea-run). Largemouth bass and smallmouth bass have also been reported from the pond.

Fishing:

Pilgrim Lake is a fertile warmwater pond and should offer good fishing for bass, pickerel and perch. In the past this pond has been known for producing large pickerel, though the species was not particularly abundant. Both yellow and white perch were reported of good size and abundance during the 1960s, with particular reference being made to white perch 12 inches or better. Try casting spoons and crankbaits to weed patches, or plumb depths of 10 to 15 feet with worm-sweetened jigs.

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