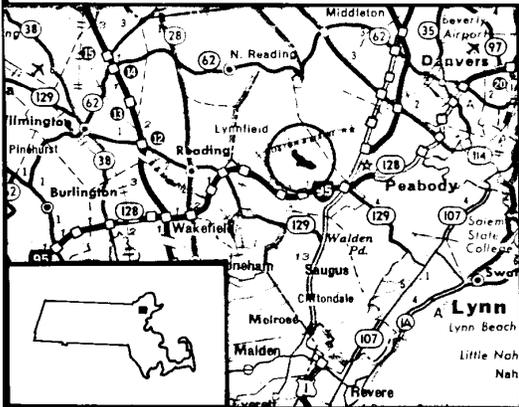


LOCATION



PILLINGS POND

(LYNNFIELD)

AREA = 86 Acres

Maximum Depth = 6'

PILLINGS POND (Lynnfield)

General Information:

This shallow, 96 acre impoundment is located approximately a mile southeast of Lynnfield center. The brown water is transparent to five feet, but the maximum depth is just six feet and average depth is three feet. Given these conditions, it is not surprising that this pond can become choked with weed growth during the summer months. Periodic fall drawdowns have been implemented to try to control this growth, but with water this shallow and fertile, the results are only temporary. Other than the north and south ends of the pond, the shorelines are heavily developed with year round homes.

Public access is poor and limited primarily to the town park located at the southern outlet. Car top boats and canoes can be launched here with a little legwork, but parking is often a problem.

Fish Populations:

The last fisheries survey, conducted in 1982, recorded six species of warm water fish. Listed in order of abundance they were pumpkinseed, largemouth bass, black crappie, bluegill, yellow perch and rock bass. Brown bullheads are almost certainly present as well.

Fishing:

Panfish are extremely abundant in this pond and can provide steady action for children and adults. They are of good eating size and make this pond an excellent choice for introducing youngsters to the joys of fishing. While bass are not overly abundant, a few large examples are certainly present in the population. One of them might be induced to hit a rubber worm or a weedless surface lure on a warm spring or early summer evening. The abundant panfish and shallow water make this pond a good choice for jigging action during the winter ice-fishing season.

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