

PLUNKETT RESERVOIR

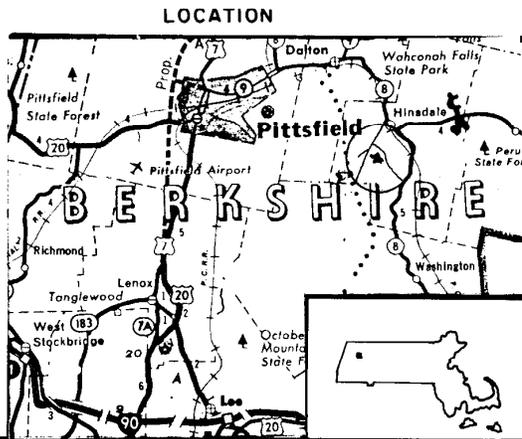
HINSDALE

73 ACRES



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(Hinsdale)

General Information:

This shallow, 73-acre, warm water pond has an average depth of 10 feet and a maximum of depth of 22 feet. The transparency of 9 feet should encourage aquatic weeds, but the gravel substrate severely limits their development, leaving them common to abundant only in the most northerly cove. The shoreline is heavily developed with about 100 seasonal and year round dwellings.

The reservoir can be reached via Route 8: from Hinsdale take Michael's Road for a little more than half a mile. At the end of Michael's Road, take a left on Plunkett Road and look for the informal access on the left, just before the causeway over the northwestern cove. Due to the development, shore fishing is limited primarily to this causeway. The access is suitable only for canoes, car top boats and small trailer rigs.

Fish Populations:

A 1979 survey found 11 species present: largemouth bass, brown trout, brook trout, rainbow trout, chain pickerel, yellow perch, rock bass, golden shiners, pumpkinseed, brown bullhead and white sucker. The trout were the result of an annual spring stocking.

Fishing:

The annual spring stocking of catchable trout supports an active spring and early summer fishery. Largemouth bass are also found here, however, particularly along the dam and in the cove at the north end. Try white spinnerbaits in the spring; Texas-rigged rubber worms, slugs and floating frogs in the weeds during summer. While the yellow perch are not very abundant, there were enough large individuals encountered in the sample to indicate they are well worth targeting, particularly during the ice fishing season.

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