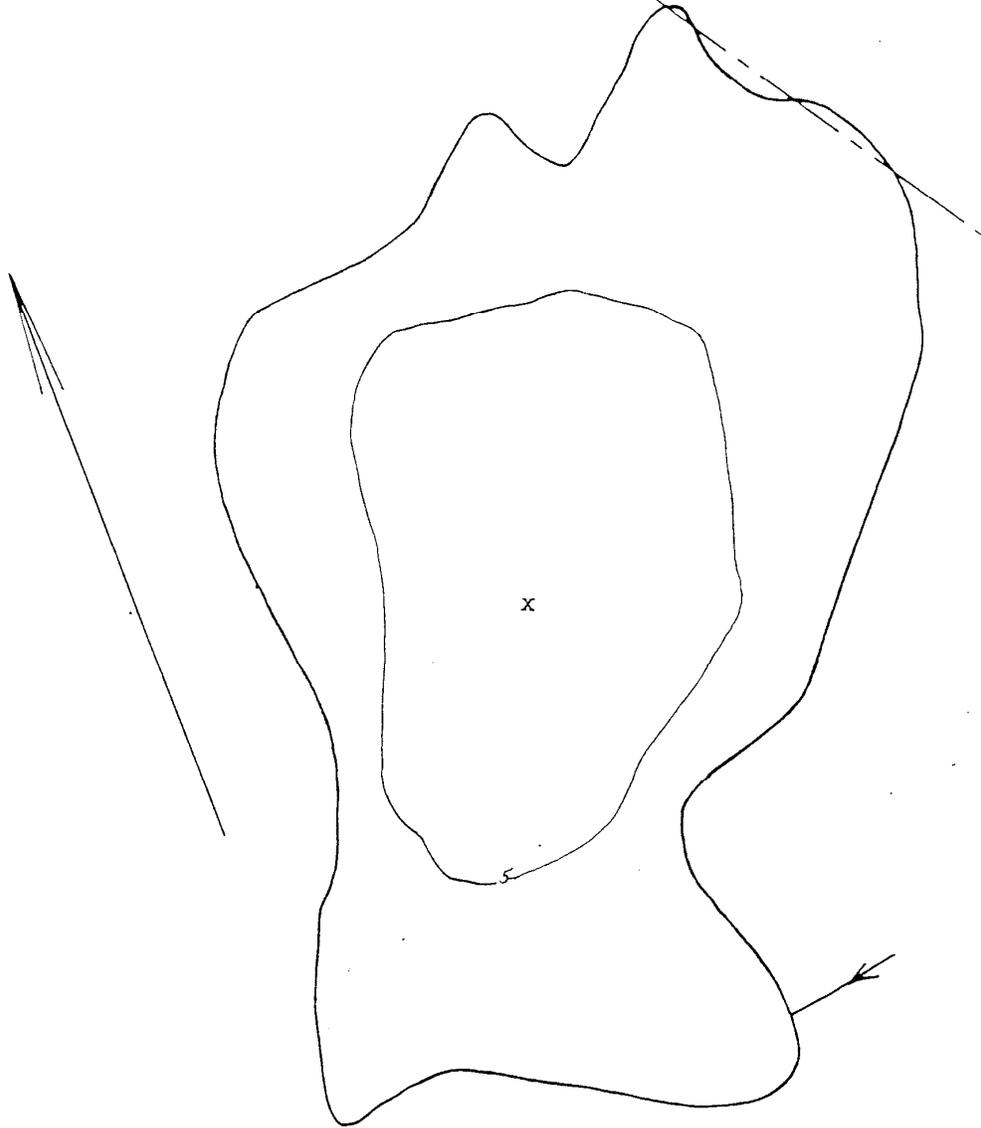


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X - Maximum Depth = 7'

PROSPECT HILL POND

TAUNTON

BRISTOL COUNTY

AREA = 42 ACRES



$\frac{1}{32}$ MILES

Prospect Hill Pond Taunton

Bristol County

Taunton River Drainage

Latitude: 41.93423 N Longitude: 71.09386 W



42 Acres

**Depth: 4 feet Average
7 feet Maximum**

**Primary Gamefish:
*Largemouth Bass***

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General Information:

Prospect Hill Pond is a 42 acre shallow warmwater pond with an average depth of about four feet and a maximum depth of seven feet. Transparency is low at four feet. It is connected to Pine Swamp Brook. The pond bottom is generally soft silts and aquatic vegetation is common. The pond has 1.2 miles of shoreline which are bordered by a trailer park and a swampy area on the south side, by an old railroad right-of-way on the west and gravel pits on the north.

Access:

Prospect Hill Pond is located about two miles north of Taunton Center and just west of Route 138. To get there from Route 495- Exit 9, take Bay Road south past Lake Sabbatia, then take a left onto Waverly Road. Access is a dirt road (City of Taunton right-of-way) at the end of Waverly Road. There is an unimproved access suitable for launching cartop boats and canoes.

Management History:

Prior to 1951, the pond had been stocked with smallmouth bass, pickerel, bluegill, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, and horned pout (brown bullhead). A July 13, 1951 survey captured chain pickerel, bluegill, brown bullhead, black crappie, white perch, yellow perch, pumpkinseed and johnny darter (now known as the tessellated darter). A July 1969 electrofishing survey found white perch were abundant at that time. Other species included largemouth bass, yellow perch, black crappie, pumpkinseed and American eel. A fish kill was reported in spring of 1974 that affected mainly white perch.

Fish Populations:

This pond was last surveyed in August 2000. Bluegill appeared to be the dominant fish species in the pond followed by largemouth bass, yellow perch, chain pickerel, golden shiner, pumpkinseed, brown bullhead, white perch, American eel and black crappie. Largemouth bass were the dominant gamefish with some large individuals present in the population.

Fishing:

This shallow pond is fairly fertile and angler reports and the most recent survey data indicate that Prospect Hill Pond continues to offer good fishing action for largemouth bass, chain pickerel and panfish (primarily bluegill). The abundance of aquatic vegetation may make boating and fishing during the summer months a little difficult. Other nearby ponds include Lake Sabbatia in Taunton and Winnecunnet Pond in Norton.

Fish Species of Prospect Hill Pond

American eel	<i>Anguilla rostrata</i>
Chain pickerel	<i>Esox niger</i>
Golden shiner	<i>Notemigonus crysoleucas</i>
White perch	<i>Morone americana</i>
Brown bullhead	<i>Ameiurus nebulosus</i>
Pumpkinseed	<i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>
Bluegill	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>
Largemouth bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>
Black crappie	<i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>

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