



Scargo Pond

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(Barnstable County)

53 Acres

Not To Be Used For Navigational Purposes

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Cape Cod Watershed

Latitude: 41 44 35 N Longitude: 70 11 00 W



60 Acres

Depth: 25 Feet Average
48 Feet Maximum

Primary Gamefish:

Largemouth Bass

General Information:

Scargo Lake, also known as Scargo Pond, is a 60 acre natural kettlehole pond with an average depth of 25 feet and a maximum depth of 48 feet. Transparency is very good, extending to 16 feet. The bottom is composed of sand and rubble. Aquatic vegetation is scarce. The 1.3 miles of shoreline are moderately developed with beaches and permanent residences. The pond has an outlet to Sesuit Creek and Cape Cod Bay during high water periods. The terminal moraine of the glaciers retreat lies to the south, forming Scargo Hill, and resulted in numerous boulders on the southeast shoreline.

Access:

Scargo Lake is located between Route 6A and Scargo Hill Road, and is easily reached off of route 6A. There are three town landings, all of which are suitable for launching light draft boats and canoes. Two are accessible via dirt roads immediately off Route 6A on the western side, and the remaining one on the northern cove can be reached from an unnamed road off the intersection of Route 6A and Sesuit Neck Road. *A 7.5 horsepower limit on outboard motors is enforced by the town.*

Management History:

A 1911 survey of Scargo Lake reported the fish population as yellow perch, white perch, and chain pickerel as well as having been stocked with smallmouth bass. Scargo Lake has been stocked with brook, brown and/or rainbow trout since at least 1934. The pond was also stocked with Chinook salmon, white perch and yellow perch in the 1930s. The 1948 biological survey of Cape Cod ponds reported white perch, yellow perch, rainbow trout, brown trout, chain pickerel, pumpkinseeds and banded killifish. This pond was reclaimed for trout management in 1956. American eels dominated the fishery at that time. The lake was reclaimed again in 1961. White perch, eels and killifish made up the majority of species recovered. Adult smallmouth bass broodstock were stocked in 1980.

Fish Populations:

A July 25, 1994 fisheries survey found seven fish species: banded killifish, white perch, smallmouth bass, pumpkinseed, alewife, brook trout, and American eel. It is annually stocked in the spring and fall with brook, brown and rainbow trout.

Fishing:

Scargo Lake is managed primarily as a trout pond and is stocked in the spring and fall with brook, brown and rainbow trout. It regularly produces some nice holdover trout. Trolling or casting colorful streamers near the surface in early spring or late fall offers an excellent chance to bag a holdover. Recently stocked trout can be taken on all the usual cast spinners and small spoons, as well as for worms or doughbaits. A wide shelf of shallow water offers easy wading and access to deeper water for the angler equipped with chest waders. This shelf makes Scargo Lake a popular pond for fly fishing.

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