



Sheep Pond

BREWSTER

142 Acres

Not To Be Used For Navigational Purposes

X - Maximum Depth = 38 feet



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Barnstable County

Cape Cod Watershed

Latitude: 41.7378294 N Longitude: 70.0694113 W



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Depth: 29 Feet Average
63 Feet Maximum

Primary Gamefish:
Trout, Atlantic Salmon

General Information:

Sheep Pond is a 138 acre natural kettlehole pond with an average depth of 29 feet and a maximum depth of 63 feet. The water is clear and transparency is very good, extending to about 20 feet. The bottom of the pond and its 2.6 miles of shoreline are predominantly sand and surrounded by wooded bluffs and hills lightly developed with permanent homes. The pond can be windswept at times due to its long axis oriented to the prevailing southwest winds.

Access:

Sheep Pond is located just north of Long Pond, between Routes 124 and 137. Sheep Pond is a Great Pond and also has a paved boat ramp on the southwestern end of the pond. The Public Access Board ramp is suitable for the launching of small boats and has a paved parking space for about 15 vehicles. There is also a handicapped fishing pier adjacent to the ramp. To get to the pond from the Sagamore Bridge, take Route 6 east to Exit 10. Head north on Route 124 for 2.1 miles, and take a right on Fishermans Landing Road. *A town of Brewster by-law limits outboard motors to a maximum of three horsepower.*

Management History:

The first complete survey of Sheep Pond was made on July 25, 1911. This survey and a 1903 report indicated black bass, chain pickerel, yellow perch, sunfish, shiners and smelt were present. An August 1948 pond survey reported smallmouth bass, yellow perch, white suckers and banded killifish. Sheep Pond was reclaimed in September of 1957. The 3060 pounds of fish picked up (estimated 45-50% pickup) were composed by weight of 60% white sucker, 30% brown bullhead, 7% yellow perch, 3% banded killifish and small amounts of rainbow trout, brown trout, smallmouth bass and johnny darters. It was reclaimed again in 1966 and 1972. Sheep Pond was limed with agricultural limestone in 1971 and 1982 to counteract increasing acidity. Adult smallmouth bass were stocked in 1979 and 1982. The pond has been illegally stocked in the past with alewives by angler seeking to increase trout growth.

Fish Populations:

The most recent fisheries survey, conducted in 1988, recorded five species: smallmouth bass, pumpkinseed, yellow perch, brown bullhead and banded killifish. Sheep Pond is annually stocked in the spring and fall with brook, brown and rainbow trout. Atlantic salmon broodstock are annually stocked.

Fishing:

Sheep Pond is one of the best trout ponds in the state due to its large amount of coldwater habitat. The pond is heavily stocked in the spring and fall with rainbow trout, brook trout, brown trout and tiger trout (when available). Atlantic salmon broodstock have been stocked in the pond since 1992 in the spring fall and winter. In addition to the newly stocked trout and salmon, Sheep Pond has a reputation of providing good holdover trout throughout the year. Trolling streamers, small silver spoons, spinners and small, silver-colored crankbaits along the 10 to 20 foot contours is probably the most effective technique here in the spring. During high summer, anglers will need to get their trout offerings down into a coldwater zone between 34 and 43 feet. When baitfishing at anchor, try the sunken points near the center of the northwestern shoreline. Worms, killifish and doughbaits are all recommended. The sunken island which rises from 40 to 30 feet in the pond's northeastern corner is also a good bet for stillfishing or jigging, and is apt to hold smallmouths as well as trout during spring and early summer.

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