



Snake Pond

SANDWICH

83 Acres

Not To Be Used For Navigational Purposes

X - Maximum Depth = 33 feet

SNAKE POND
SANDWICH
Barnstable County
Cape Cod Watershed

Latitude: 41.6827744 N Longitude: 70.5203765 W



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Depth: 18 Feet Average
33 Feet Maximum

Primary Gamefish:
Smallmouth Bass

General Information:

Snake Pond is an 83 acre natural kettlehole pond with an average depth of 18 feet and a maximum depth of 33 feet. The pond is fed by groundwater and the pond level reflects groundwater levels. During years with low groundwater levels, large portions of the pond shoreline areas are exposed. The pond is unstratified during the summer months and contains oxygen to within a few feet of the bottom. Transparency is excellent, extending to 22 feet, and aquatic vegetation is common, although with the exception of near-shore areas, most of it is submergent. The bottom is composed of sand and rubble. The ponds 1.6 miles of shoreline are moderately developed with houses on the northern and southeastern ends and a summer camp (Camp Good News) on the eastern shore. The town beach at the southern end of the pond is heavily used by swimmers during the summer months.

Access:

Access to the pond is provided by a town right-of-way to which includes an unimproved launching area suitable for light trailered craft, cartop boats and canoes. The parking lot is small and can handle approximately five vehicles. To get there, take Route 130 south from Route 6 for approximately 4.5 miles. Take a right on Snake Pond Road (Snake Pond Road is Pimlico Pond Road on the other side of Route 130). The access is on the right, just past the beach area on the south end of the pond.

Management History:

Snake Pond has had periodic surveys over the years with surveys performed in 1912, 1948, 1979, 1988, 1992 and 1996. The pond was treated with 14 tons of agricultural limestone in 1991 to counteract the effects of increasing acidity. A large fuel spill (Fuel Spill 12) from a jet fuel pipeline to Otis Air Force Base is being cleaned up to the north of the pond. The pond is tested regularly and no base related contaminants have been detected in pond water.

Fish Populations:

The most recent fish survey was performed on July 23, 1996 and nine fish species were observed or captured: pumpkinseeds, white perch, smallmouth bass, bluegill, white sucker, yellow perch, largemouth bass and brown bullhead and banded killifish. Chain pickerel have been reported in previous surveys

Fishing:

Smallmouth bass should provide the best game fishing in this pond with some nice smallmouth up to 17 inches noted in the last survey. Largemouth bass and chain pickerel can also be caught. Panfishing should be good for pumpkinseed, white perch and bluegill. During good ice years (which have been rare on Cape Cod in recent years), the pond was long known for producing good ice fishing action. Other nearby ponds include Weeks Pond (across Snake Pond Road), Pimlico Pond, Peters Pond and Mashpee-Wakeby Ponds.

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