



Stockbridge Bowl, Stockbridge

General Information

Stockbridge Bowl is a 398-acre great pond located off Route 183 and is among the most heavily used waterbodies in Massachusetts. The lake has a maximum depth of 52 feet and an average depth of approximately 25 feet. Transparency is generally good, averaging 13 feet, but can be reduced drastically by periodic algal blooms. Dense beds of submerged and emergent aquatic vegetation are also present, particularly in the outlet cove. There are many seasonal and permanent dwellings along the shoreline including the music venue and performance school Tanglewood and several youth sports camps. Stockbridge Bowl is subject to a drawdown during winter, thus, water depths and statistics such as lake size will not reflect actual conditions during this time.

Recreational Access

The town of Stockbridge manages a double, concrete boat ramp (73°19'26.86"W 42°20'30.09"N) with a 40-car parking lot on the northwestern shore. The ramps are accessed via a short driveway from Route 183 and are suitable for most trailered boats. Shore access is very limited. Please contact the town of Stockbridge for additional information and/or restrictions pertaining to public access of Stockbridge Bowl.

Fish Populations

The following fish species were found during MassWildlife surveys: Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Yellow Perch, Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Brown Bullhead, Rock Bass, Golden Shiner, and White Sucker. Stockbridge Bowl is also stocked each spring and fall with trout.

Fishing

Stockbridge Bowl maintains a layer of cold, oxygenated water throughout the warm summer months which enables trout to holdover for multiple seasons. These fish are a major draw for anglers as some may grow to considerable size. For those who fish for warmwater species, Sunfish, Black Crappie, and particularly Yellow Perch are abundant with some larger individuals present. Icefishing for Yellow Perch and Chain Pickerel is also a very popular and productive. Chain Pickerel exceeding 7 pounds have been reported. Stockbridge Bowl has produced Largemouth Bass, Black Crappie, Yellow Perch, Sunfish, Chain Pickerel, Tiger Trout, Brook Trout, Brown Trout, and Rainbow Trout that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Freshwater Sportfishing Awards Program.

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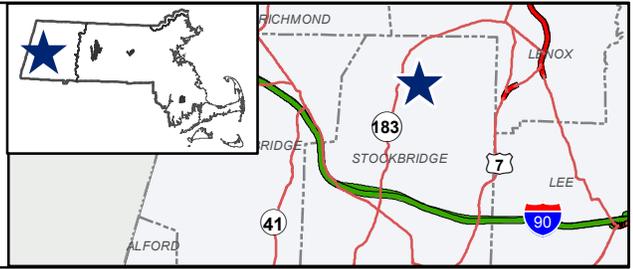
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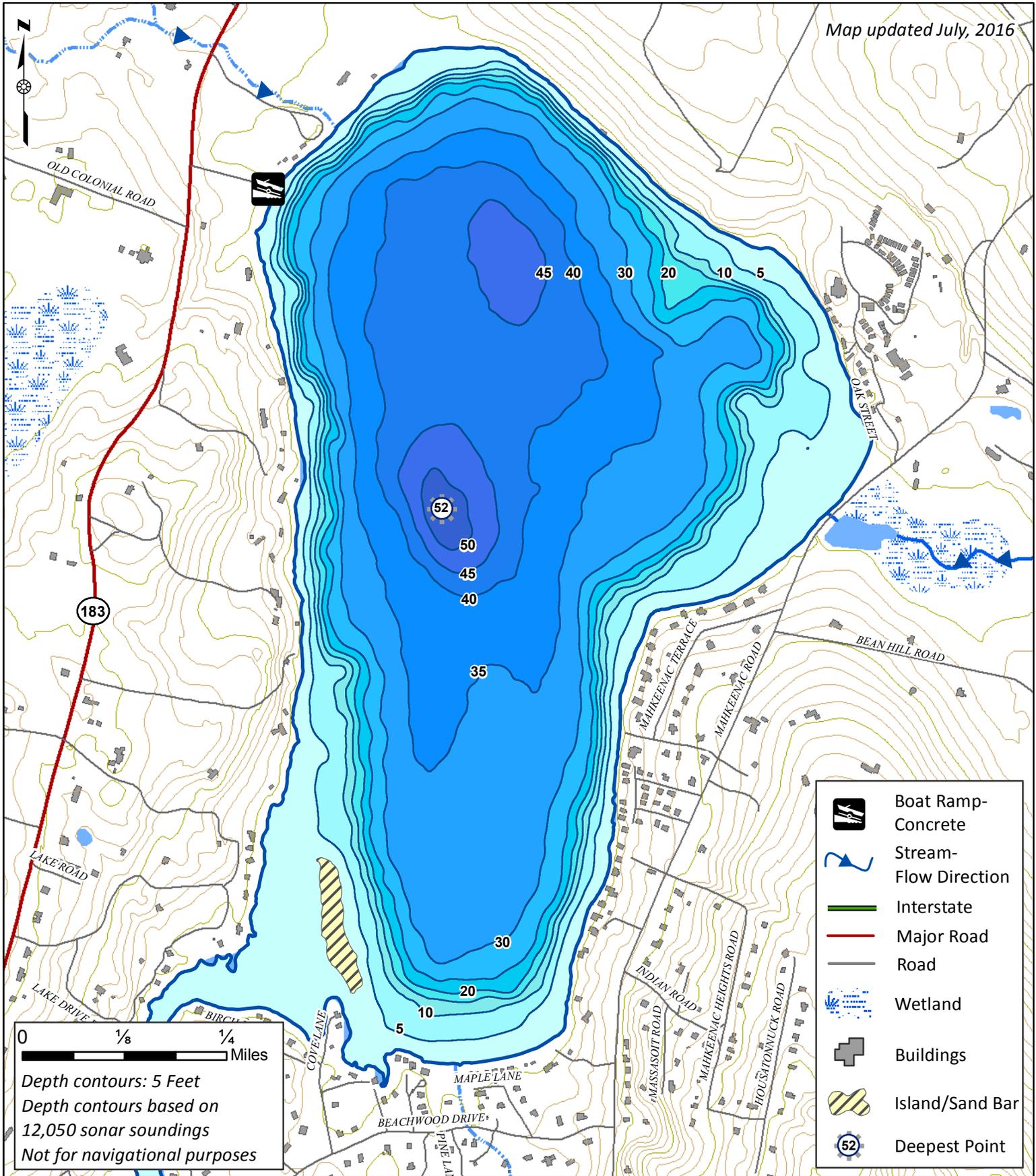
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Coordinates: 73°19'00"W 42°19'39"N

USGS Quad: Stockbridge



Map updated July, 2016



- Boat Ramp
- Concrete
- Stream-Flow Direction
- Interstate
- Major Road
- Road
- Wetland
- Buildings
- Island/Sand Bar
- Deepest Point

0 1/8 1/4 Miles

Depth contours: 5 Feet
Depth contours based on
12,050 sonar soundings
Not for navigational purposes