

Billington Sea/Little Pond, Plymouth

General Information

The Billington Sea is a 285 acre Great Pond with average depth of 8 feet and a maximum depth of 15 feet. Shallow, weedy and fertile, this eutrophic lake is fed primarily by groundwater and cranberry bog outlets. Aquatic weeds are exceptionally abundant. The bottom is predominantly mud, although shoreline areas tend to be quite sandy. Except for the northern section which is a town park, most of the shoreline is developed with houses. Just to the north, Little Pond is a 43 acre natural kettle hole with a maximum depth of 51 feet. It has a sandy bottom, scant aquatic vegetation, and clear water.

Recreational Access

Boat access to both ponds is provided by dirt ramps in Morton Park managed by the town of Plymouth. (70°40′59.80″W 41°56′22.67″N). Admission fee from Memorial Day - Labor Day, unless holding a resident park permit. No motorized boats on Little Pond Memorial Day - Labor Day. Please contact the town of Plymouth for additional information and/or restrictions pertaining to public access to Morton Park.

Fish Populations

The following fish species were found during MassWildlife surveys:
Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Yellow Perch, White
Perch, Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Brown Bullhead, White Sucker, Banded killifish,
Golden Shiner, and sea run Alewife that run up from Plymouth Bay through
Town Brook. Little Pond; Largemouth Bass, White Perch, Yellow Perch,
Pumpkinseed, Smallmouth Bass, and Golden Shiner.

Fishing

Billington Sea offers excellent fishing and is especially productive for Largemouth Bass and Chain Pickerel. It also contains good populations of Sunfish, and Perch. A good forage base is provided by the sea-run alewives. In contrast, Little Pond is primarily a trout fishery and is stocked heavily in the spring and fall. In the summer, the cold layer of water holding trout is located from 19 to 30 feet. Billington Sea has produced Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Sunfish, Black Crappie, and White and Yellow Perch that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Freshwater Sportfishing Awards Program. Little Pond has produced Largemouth Bass, White and Yellow Perch, Sunfish, and Brook, Brown, Tiger and Rainbow Trout that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Freshwater Sportfishing Awards Program.

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