

Furnace Pond, Pembroke

General Information

Furnace Pond is a 115 acre great pond with an average depth of 5 feet and a maximum depth of 9 feet. Furnace Pond receives water from Oldham Pond and from cranberry bogs and drains into Herring Brook and eventually into the North River. The bottom is composed primarily of mud, and aquatic vegetation is extremely abundant. Most of the 2.7 miles of shoreline is developed with year round houses. Furnace Pond is extremely fertile and is subject to nuisance algae blooms during the summer. The pond is used as a secondary water supply for the City of Brockton as water is pumped from the pond during the winter months into Silver Lake.

Recreational Access

The pond is readily accessible from Route 14, about 1.3 miles west of Pembroke center. Roadside parking is available along Mattakeesett Street (Route 14) and canoes and small boats can be launched (70°49'39.67"W 42° 3'39.21"N). Please contact MassWildlife for additional information and/or restrictions pertaining to public access of Furnace Pond.

Fish Populations

The following fish species were found during MassWildlife surveys: Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Brown Bullhead, Yellow Perch, White Perch, Black Crappie, Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Golden Shiner, Alewife, and American Eel.

Fishing

Furnace Pond has a reputation as an excellent Largemouth Bass producer. Largemouths are clearly the dominant gamefish. They are of large average size with lunkers in the five to seven pound range frequently reported. The abundant weed growth makes them difficult to catch throughout the summer and fall months, but those who have mastered the use of weedless gear can expect good catches. Don't overlook the panfish in this pond. White Perch are abundant and of good size. This is also a good pond for crappie (calicos), which are also abundant and of large average size. Furnace Pond has produced Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Yellow Perch, and Brown Bullhead that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Freshwater Sportfishing Awards Program.

Oldham Pond is just to the north, and Stetsons Pond, Little Sandy Bottom Pond, and Hobomock Pond are within the town of Pembroke. Indianhead Pond, Maguan Pond and Wampatuck Pond are located nearby in Hanson.

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