

Holland Pond, Holland

General Information

Holland pond is 70 acre Great Pond and impoundment of the Quinebaug River located off Brimfield Rd. in Holland. Holland Pond has an average depth of 10 feet and maximum depth of 24 feet and its waters are typically transparent to 4 to 5 feet. The pond bottom consists of patches of mud and rocks and aquatic vegetation is generally restricted to shorelines with the exception of the northern lobe which is shallower and contains vegetation throughout. The shores of Holland Pond are almost completely protected open space and are thus relatively free from residential dwellings. Holland Pond Recreation area which is managed by the USACE is located on the southern shore and offers a swimming beach and picnic sites.

Recreational Access

The Army Corps of Engineers manages a gravel boat ramp and adjacent parking area (72°9'33.893"W 42°5'2.983"N) suitable for 8 trailers off of pond Bridge Road. Cartops and paddle boats may also be launched from the shores of the Holland Pond Recreation Area (72°9'50.871"W 42°4'35.998"N) on the southern shore, located off of Dug Hill Rd. Paddle boat access to the Quinebaug River is provided by a small gravel launch and parking area (72°9'51"W 42°4'55"N) at the Holland Pond Dam off of Pond Bridge Rd. The shoreline is accessible along Pond Bridge Rd. and from the Holland Pond Recreation area along the southern shore. Please contact the New England District of the Army Corps for additional information, and/or restrictions pertaining to public access of Holland Pond.

Fish Populations

The following fish species were found during MassWildlife surveys: Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Northern Pike, Common Carp, Yellow Perch, White Perch, Black Crappie, Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Brown Bullhead, Yellow Bullhead, White Sucker, Banded Killifish, Creekchub Sucker, and Golden Shiner. Holland Pond is also stocked annually in the spring and fall with trout and occasionally Northern Pike when they become available. Please check the Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife Northern Pike and Tiger Muskellunge online stocking page for stocking dates

Fishing

While small in size, Holland Pond exhibits quality recreational fishing for numerous species of sport fish. Trout fishing is most popular at Holland Pond in early spring and fall coinciding with annual stockings. Fishing for Largemouth Bass can also be productive with numerous fish in the 1 to 2 pound range with an occasional fish approaching 5 pounds. Most Northern Pike are taken through the ice in winter or in early spring with many exceeding 20 lbs. Carp in the 15 lb range have also been reported. Holland Pond has produced Northern Pike, Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Common Carp, Black Crappie, and Brook Trout that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Sportfishing Awards Program.

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