

Hopkinton Reservoir, Hopkinton/Ashland

General Information

Hopkinton Reservoir is a 181 acre impoundment of Indian Brook located off of Route 85 on the Hopkinton and Ashland town line. Hopkinton Reservoir has an average depth of 25 feet, a maximum depth of 55 feet, and its waters are transparent to roughly 10 feet. The reservoir bottom is scattered with boulders and rock piles and aquatic vegetation is largely limited to shorelines, particularly in coves. The reservoir is located entirely within Hopkinton State Park thus its shores are free from development. Fishing, hiking, swimming, and paddling are all popular activities at Hopkinton Reservoir and Hopkinton State Park.

Recreational Access

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) manages a concrete ramp and large parking area with space for 25 trailers (71°31'14"W 42°15'28"N) off of route 85 which is accessible through the main entrance gate to Hopkinton State Park. Use of this ramp and lot is subject to a daily fee during the open season. A second access, also managed by DCR but with no parking fee, is located at the most southern tip of the reservoir on Route 85 (71°31'42.7" W 42°14'50.9"N). This access is suitable for cartop boats and has spaces for 10 cars. No internal combustion engines are permitted on Hopkinton Reservoir and the entire shoreline is accessible via foot paths. Please contact the offices of Hopkinton State Park for additional information, fee structure, and/or restrictions pertaining to public access of Hopkinton Reservoir.

Fish Populations

The following fish species were found during MassWildlife surveys: Largemouth Bass, Yellow Perch, White Perch, Black Crappie, Bluegill, and Pumpkinseed, and White Catfish. Hopkinton Reservoir is also stocked annually in spring and fall with trout.

Fishing

Hopkinton Reservoir maintains a layer of cold, oxygenated water throughout the warm summer months which enables trout to survive multiple seasons. Trout fishing is very popular within Hopkinton Reservoir as fish can be caught throughout the year. While an occasional large (2lb+) trout is taken, anglers will be mostly fishing for recently stocked fish, which are plentiful. Bass and Yellow Perch are also popular but are typically overshadowed by trout. Hopkinton Reservoir is unique in that it supports a population of White Catfish. Hopkinton Reservoir has produced White Catfish, Yellow Perch, Black Crappie, Brook Trout, Rainbow Trout and Tiger Trout that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Sportfishing Awards Program.

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