

Lake Boon, Hudson/Stow

General Information

Lake Boon is a 180 acre Great Pond located between Main St. and Sudbury Rd. on the Stow-Hudson town line. The lake is comprised of a series of basins linked by narrow, navigable channels, has an average depth of 11 feet, and a maximum depth of 23 feet. The bottom is predominately mud, the water is lightly tea colored, and the shores are heavily developed with houses. Aquatic vegetation is common but generally more abundant within the smaller and shallower southern and eastern basins relative to the northern basin. Take care to observe posted speed limits when traveling between basins as these channels contain numerous docks and can become busy when recreational use of the lake is high. Lake Boon is drawn down annually during fall and winter, so use caution when navigating during these times as depth varies seasonally.

Recreational Access

The town of Stow manages a small dirt boat ramp (71°29'0.428W 42°23'46.487N) suitable for canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, and small motor boats off of Sudbury Road. Parking is limited to the shoulder of Sudbury road. Take care when launching and navigating from the boat launch as the water is shallow. The shoreline can be accessed via trails from the Pine Bluff Recreational Area, located on the north east shore off of Sudbury Road for a small fee. Please contact the town of Stow for additional information, fee structure, and/or restrictions, pertaining to public access of Lake Boon.

Fish Populations

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

Fishing

Chain Pickerel and sunfish are abundant within vegetation beds and coarse woody debris common within the eastern-most basins. The larger and deeper basins are good for Black Crappie, Perch, and Largemouth Bass, the latter of which can often be found in close association with the multitude of docks in these basins. For a change, bottom fish the deeper areas of Lake Boon with baitfish or a worm for large Brown Bullhead. Ice fishing is also quite popular. Lake Boon has produced Largemouth Bass and Chain Pickerel that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Freshwater Sportfishing Awards Program

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Lake Boon

180 Acres Stow, Hudson

Concord River Watershed

Coordinates: 71°30'06"W 42°24'09"N USGS Quad: MAYNARD, HUDSON



