



Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester/Shrewsbury

General Information

Lake Quinsigamond is an 800-acre great pond located in the heart of Worcester County between the city of Worcester and the Town of Shrewsbury. The lake is comprised of two distinct sections: the deep narrow northern basin and the shallower southern basin, with its many coves and islands. From the southern basin, Lake Quinsigamond is connected to Flint Pond, a large, shallow pond in Shrewsbury. The northern basin averages 36 feet and contains the deepest spot at 90 feet, while the southern basin averages 21 feet. The shores of Lake Quinsigamond are highly developed with many private homes, commercial establishments, and marinas. The northern basin is used extensively by local colleges for rowing practices and events and contains a semi-permanent gridded buoy system to delineate racing lanes. Lake Quinsigamond can become very busy during the summer months.

Recreational Access

The town of Shrewsbury maintains two boat ramps on Lake Quinsigamond. The First is located on the east side of the northern basin off of North Quinsigamond Ave. (71°45'20.614"W 42°17'27.376"N). This is a large double concrete ramp with an associated parking area suitable for 53 trailers. There is also a large ramp located on Flint Pond off of Route 20 (71°44'14.682"W 42°14'33.645"N); see the Flint Pond map for details. The Shoreline may be accessed in areas adjacent to these boat ramps and in Quinsigamond State Park which is located on the western shores of the northern and middle basins. Please contact the offices of the town of Shrewsbury for additional information, fee structure, and/or restrictions pertaining to public access of Lake Quinsigamond.

Fish Populations

The following fish species were found during MassWildlife surveys: Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Carp, Rock Bass, Yellow Perch, White Perch, Black Crappie, Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Yellow Bullhead, Rainbow Smelt, and Golden Shiner. Lake Quinsigamond is also stocked annually in the spring and fall with trout and with Northern Pike and Tiger Muskellunge when available. Please check the Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife Northern Pike and Tiger Muskellunge online stocking page for stocking information.

Fishing

Trout fishing is excellent here in the spring and fall owing to the large numbers of fish stocked by DFW. Trout fishing may be best in the deeper and cooler habitats of the northern basin, however, take care to avoid the buoy system used by rowers as it is held fast by submerged guide wires. Focus on the middle basin and Flint pond when fishing for Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Northern Pike and Carp; panfish can be captured in any basin. Carp fishing is growing in popularity and Lake Quinsigamond is fast becoming a destination for Carp anglers after the new state record was recently caught here weighting in at over 46 pounds. Lake Quinsigamond has produced Chain Pickerel, Northern Pike, Tiger Muskellunge, Carp, Yellow Perch, White Perch, Black Crappie, bullhead, Tiger Trout, and Brook Trout that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Massachusetts Sportfishing Awards Program.

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