



Lake Ripple, Grafton

General Information

Lake Ripple is a 70 acre impoundment of the Quinsigamond River located off of Route 122/140 in Grafton, northwest of the town center. Lake Ripple averages 4 feet in depth with a maximum of 14 feet located in the eastern portion of the lake where dredging has occurred. Water clarity is poor and the bottom primarily consists of muck with some areas of gravel associated with the river channel. Aquatic vegetation is thick, particularly during summer when it can cover the majority of the pond surface.

Recreational Access

The town of Grafton owns and manages a gravel ramp (71°41'51.401W 42°12'35.499N) and small gravel parking area suitable for three trailers at the end of a short dirt road off of Brigham Hill Road. Shoreline access is permitted in areas around the ramp and behind the Grafton Middle School as well as off of walking trails on land owned by the Grafton Land Trust located on the western shore of the lake. A second access point named Ekblaw landing is suitable for canoes and kayaks and is located off of Rt 122/140 on the northern tip of the pond (71°42'2.20"W 42°13'16.73"N). Please contact the offices of the town of Grafton for additional information and/or restrictions pertaining to public access of Lake Ripple.

Fish Populations

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

Fishing

The abundance of aquatic vegetation makes Lake Ripple difficult to fish at certain times of the year but anglers may be rewarded with trophy Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, and Carp if they remain patient. Bluegill and Brown Bullhead are abundant with the average bullhead weighing around 1 pound; Yellow Perch and Black Crappie are rarer. Large Golden Shiners provide a good forage base for bass and pickerel and the abundance of aquatic vegetation can produce large Carp. Lake Ripple has produced Largemouth Bass and Carp that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Sportfishing Awards Program.

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Lake Ripple

70 Acres

Grafton

Blackstone Watershed

Coordinates: 71°41'51 W 42°12'38 N

USGS Quad: GRAFTON

