

Metacomet Lake, Belchertown

General Information

Metacomet Lake is a 74-acre Great Pond located approximately one mile west of Route 9 in Belchertown. Depth averages 7 feet with a maximum depth of 15 feet. The water is dark in color and has a transparency of nine feet. The bottom is predominantly mud with a few areas of sand. Aquatic weeds are moderate too heavy along most of the shoreline. The shoreline is mostly developed with year round homes and summer cottages.

Recreational Access

A gravel boat ramp is located on the south end of the lake off of Poole Road (72°25'49.51"W 42°18'13.09"N). Shoreline fishing is limited to the boat launch area only. Recreational use of this lake is high in the summer. Limited parking is available at the ramp.

Fish Populations

The following fish species were found during MassWildlife surveys: Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Yellow Perch, White Perch, Pumpkinseed, Bluegill, Golden Shiners, Channel Catfish, Yellow Bullhead, Brown Bullhead and White Sucker.

Fishing

Lake Metacomet is stocked with trout spring and fall. Considerable fishing pressure is exerted for the trout from April through June. A large panfish population is present, especially Yellow Perch, which can provide good fishing. Ice fishing is popular on this lake, primarily for trout and Chain Pickerel. Lake Metacomet has produced Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Brown Bullhead, Channel Catfish, and Rainbow Trout that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Freshwater Sportfishing Awards Program.

Nearby fishing areas include the Swift River, Peppermill Pond, and of course the Quabbin Reservoir.

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