

# Oldham Pond, Pembroke/Hanson

#### **General Information**

Oldham Pond is a 235 acre Great Pond located in the towns of Pembroke and Hanson. Oldham Pond receives water from a small tributary, cranberry bogs and wetland areas and serves as the headwaters of Herring Brook; its outflow drains into Furnace Pond which is located immediately to the south. The pond's 2.8 miles of shoreline are heavily developed with houses and a summer camp. The pond has three wooded islands, the largest of which is known as Monument Island, and numerous rocky shoals. Except for the islands and rocky shoal areas, much of the pond is fairly uniform in depth with an average depth of 10 feet and a maximum depth of 17 feet. Aquatic vegetation, primarily submerged aquatics, is abundant. The bottom is predominantly mud except for the rocky shoal areas. The pond was treated in 2017 with Alum to remove Phosphorus in an effort to end toxic cyanobacteria blooms.

#### **Recreational Access**

Access to is provided by a town of managed ramp located next to the town beach off Wampatuck Street, which is located to the north of Route 14 (Matakeesett Street) and Furnace Pond (70°49'50.79"W 42° 3'43.45"N). The ramp is suitable only for small trailered boats, cartop boats and canoes. Parking for a half dozen vehicles is available in a dirt lot across the street. Motorboaters are cautioned about numerous rocky shoals.

# **Fish Populations**

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

## **Fishing**

Oldham Pond should offer good fishing for Largemouth Bass and panfish. Oldham Pond serves as a spawning area for alewife that run up Herring Brook from the North River. The young-of-year alewives provide good forage for predators such as bass and pickerel. Boaters are cautioned about unmarked rocky shoal areas that are scattered throughout the pond. The pond has a heavy summer recreational use for swimming and boating by campers and town residents.

Oldham Pond has produced Chain Pickerel, Largemouth Bass, White Perch, and Black Crappie that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Freshwater Sportfishing Awards Program.

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