



# Otis Reservoir, Otis/Tolland

## General Information

Otis Reservoir is a 1,036 acre great pond located off of Route 8 on the Otis and Tolland town line. The average depth of Otis Reservoir is 18 feet with a maximum depth of 52 feet. The water is typically transparent to 8 to 10 feet and aquatic vegetation is largely limited to coves where it can become thick. The southern third of the reservoir lies within Tolland State Forest and is undeveloped but the remaining shore is heavily developed with seasonal and permanent homes. Otis reservoir is drawdown annually during fall and winter so use caution when navigating during these times as depth varies seasonally.

## Recreational Access

The Division of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) manages a large concrete boat ramp (73°2'36.328"W 42°8'41.199"N) and adjacent parking area suitable for 20 trailers in addition to numerous cars. Shore access is permitted in areas adjacent to the ramp and the Tolland State Forrest Campground on Main Rd, past the boat ramp. Please contact the offices of Tolland State Forrest for additional information, fee structure, and/or restrictions pertaining to public access of Otis Reservoir.

## Fish Populations

The following fish species were found during MassWildlife surveys: Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, White Perch, Yellow Perch, Black Crappie, Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Redbreast Sunfish, Brown Bullhead, White Sucker, Tessellated Darter, and Golden Shiner. Otis Reservoir is also stocked annually in the spring and fall with trout.

## Fishing

Most anglers come to Otis in search of stocked trout released by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. The trout fishing is good well into mid-summer, and picks up again in late September and October when the reservoir receives a fall stocking. Due to the large size of the reservoir finding trout can sometimes take a little time but these fish will be numerous where they reside. The majority of trout are caught by trolling the deeper sections of the reservoir. Ice fishermen also do well on Yellow Perch, bass, and Black Crappie. Chain Pickerel are scarcer but can grow to exceed 5 pounds. Otis Reservoir has produced Chain Pickerel, crappie, sunfish, White Perch, Yellow Perch, Brook Trout, and Tiger Trout that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Massachusetts Sportfishing Awards Program.

## Useful Links:

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Prevent the transport of nuisance species.  
Clean all recreational equipment.  
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Farmington River Watershed

Coordinates: 73°2'36.328"W 42°8'41.199"N

USGS Quad: OTIS

