



Puffers Pond, Amherst

General Information

Puffer's Pond, officially named Factory Hollow Pond is a 13 acre impoundment of Cushman Brook located off of State Street in North Amherst. Puffers Pond has an average depth of 5 ft, a maximum of 16 ft and aquatic vegetation is scant. The entirety of the pond as well as its inlet and outlet (Mill River) are encompassed within conserved land and accessible via the Robert Frost Trail and others which meander along-side the pond and adjoining stream. Puffers Pond is largest pond in Amherst and is a prominent recreation area for fishing, birding, nature walking, canoeing, picnicking and swimming.

Recreational Access

The town of Amherst manages a car top access area (72°31'2.03"W 42°24'58.09"N) at the town beach off of State Street on the southern shore of the pond. Roadside parking is available. Cartop boats may also be carried in from the western shore (72°31'10.38"W 42°25'1.76"N) with parking provided by a small gravel lot capable of holding 15 cars. Fishing is permitted from shore only and watercraft must be non-motorized. Maintained walking trails provide good access to most of the shoreline. Please contact the town of Amherst for additional information, fee structure, and/or restrictions pertaining to public access of Puffers Pond.

Fish Populations

The following fish species were found during MassWildlife surveys: Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Yellow Perch, Brown Bullhead, Pumpkinseed, Bluegill, American Eel, Golden Shiner, and White Sucker. Puffers Pond is also stocked annually in the spring and fall with trout.

Fishing

Puffers Pond is best known for its trout fishing and is also a great place for beginners to learn to fish. One may trout fish in the pond proper or within the running waters of Cushman Brook and the Mill River both of which are also stocked. Access to these waters is easy from well-marked trails that have numerous spots to stop and fish. Puffers Pond has produced Chain Pickerel and Tiger Trout that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Massachusetts Sportfishing Awards Program.

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13 Acres
Amherst
Connecticut River Watershed
Coordinates: 72°31'2.03"W 42°24'58.09"N
USGS Quad: MT TOBY

