

Spectacle Pond, Sandwich

General Information

Spectacle Pond is a 108- acre great pond with a maximum depth of 42 feet and an average depth of 16 feet. The pond gets its names from its shape, which is really two attached kettleholes separated by a shallow sandbar and island. Transparency is excellent, extending to 22 feet, and submergent aquatic vegetation is common. The northern basin of stratifies during the summer months and trout water is found between 32 and 34 feet in depth. The shoreline is wooded and lightly developed with houses and two summer camps. The bottom is composed of sand and rubble, with some areas of gravel. Except during the highest groundwater level, the pond is surrounded by a wide sand and gravel margin.

Recreational Access

Public access is provided by the town of Sandwich through a gravel ramp on the southwestern end of the pond. The unimproved ramp is suitable only for car top boat, canoes, or very light trailers (70°27'45.32"W 41°41'59.37"N). Parking is available for approximately five cars. The ramp is located at the end of a dirt road off of Pinkham Rd (next to the access for Camp Hayward). Please contact the offices of the town of Sandwich for additional information, and/or restrictions pertaining to public access.

Fish Populations

The following fish species were found during MassWildlife surveys: Yellow Perch, Smallmouth Bass, Banded Killifish, Pumpkinseed Sunfish, Largemouth Bass, and Brown Bullhead. Spectacle Pond is stocked annually in the spring and fall with Brook, Brown, Rainbow trout, and Tiger Trout (when available).

Fishing

Spectacle Pond is primarily a put-and-take trout fishery, although some trout, particularly browns, may be holding over through the summer. The wide shorelines make for a good fly fishing pond and a fly fishing school is held on the shores of the pond in May. During late spring and summer, the northern basin will produce the most action, but during the spring and fall stocking seasons both basins are equally productive. Spectacle Pond has produced Yellow Perch, Brown Bullhead, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Rainbow Trout, Tiger Trout, and Sunfish that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Freshwater Sportfishing Awards Program.

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