

Wequaquet Lake, Barnstable

General Information

Wequauquet Lake, also known as Chequaquet Lake, Great Pond or Nine Mile Pond, is a large, 670- acre, unstratified warm water pond. The pond is an enlarged great pond with a dam at Phinneys Lane. The pond has multiple basins and an average depth of 14 feet and a maximum depth of 33 feet. Transparency is good, extending to 10 feet or more. The bottom is composed primarily of sand. Due to the open windswept nature of the pond, there is little cover and aquatic vegetation is scant. The 7.5 miles of shoreline is heavily developed with summer cottages and year-round homes.

Recreational Access

Public access is provided by the town of Barnstable through a paved ramp on the northwestern shore on Shootflying Hill Road. (70°20'55.39"W 41°40'46.23"N). There is also a town right of way off Huckins Neck Road that offers cartop access (70°19'26.03"W 41°40'21.51"N). Shoreline fishing is limited to the areas around the boat launch and town right-of-way. Anglers can expect heavy recreational use of this lake all year as it is popular for ice fishing, as well as boating and swimming during the summer. Trailer parking at the ramp area is prohibited from Memorial Day to Labor Day, although boats can be launched and roadside parking can be found. Please contact the offices of the town of Barnstable for additional information, and/or restrictions pertaining to public access.

Fish Populations

The following fish species were found during MassWildlife surveys: Pumpkinseed, Yellow Perch, Golden Shiner, Brown Bullhead, American Eel, Alewife, White Sucker, Banded Killifish, Chain Pickerel and Largemouth Bass. The alewife population is sea-run, entering from Vineyard Sound by the Centerville River and Long Pond-Centerville and then reaching Wequaquet Lake via a man-made herring run. Northern pike were stocked in 1979, 1986 and 1989 and are now naturally reproducing in the lake.

Fishing

Wequaquet Lake is a popular Largemouth Bass fishing pond. Good fishing has also been reported for Chain Pickerel in the more sheltered coves, and Northern Pike are reported. Due to abundant forage species, all game fish in the pond show good growth rates. Wequauquet Lake has produced Yellow Perch, White Perch, Brown Bullhead, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, and Sunfish that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Freshwater Sportfishing Awards Program.

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670 Acres Barnstable Cape Cod Watershed

Coordinates: 70°20'55.39"W 41°40'46.23"N

USGS Quad: HYANNIS



