



Spectacle Pond

SANDWICH

91 Acres

Not To Be Used For Navigational Purposes

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Sandwich

Barnstable County

Cape Cod Watershed

Latitude: 41.7029148 N Longitude: 70.4575770 W



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Depth: 19 feet Average
43 feet Maximum

Primary Gamefish:
Trout, Smallmouth Bass
Largemouth Bass

General Information:

Spectacle Pond is a 91 acre natural kettlehole pond with an average depth of 19 feet and a maximum depth of 43 feet. The pond gets its names from its shape, which is really two attached kettleholes separated by a shallow area of an island and sandbars. Transparency is excellent, extending to 22 feet, and submergent aquatic vegetation is common. The northern basin stratifies during the summer months and trout water (less than 70 F and greater than 5 ppm dissolved oxygen) 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 levels, the pond is surrounded by a wide sand and gravel margin.

Access:

Access is provided by a town landing which consists of a rutted unimproved gravel ramp on the southwestern end of the pond, suitable for launching cartop boats and canoes. To reach the site, take Route 6 from the Sagamore Bridge to Exit 2 (Route 130). Take Route 130 south, travel a few miles, and take a left onto Sandwich-Cotuit Road. Take a left onto Quaker Meetinghouse Road, and finally a right onto Pinkham Road. The access is at the end of a dirt road on the left (the first left after the entrance to Camp Hayward).

Management History:

Spectacle Pond was surveyed in 1911 and reported as a favorite camping site but with few fish species. Bass were reported as stocked by the state prior to this but "none had been seen since". Between 1931 and 1945, it was stocked with smallmouth bass, horned pout (bullhead), white perch and yellow perch. The pond was surveyed in July, 1948 and chain pickerel, smallmouth bass, white suckers, white perch and banded killifish were noted. This pond was reclaimed for trout management in 1957. About 45 pounds of fish per acre were recovered. The pond was dominated by white suckers, brown bullheads and yellow perch with a scattering of chain pickerel, smallmouth bass, bluegill, pumpkinseed and johnny (tessellated) darters. Trout have been annually stocked since 1957. It was reclaimed again in 1961. Due to a low pH (5.1-5.3), it was treated in 1973 with 80 tons of agricultural limestone to counteract the high acidity. Adult smallmouth bass were stocked in 1979.

Fish Populations:

Spectacle Pond was sampled most recently on September 12, 1994 and seven species were collected: yellow perch, smallmouth bass, banded killifish, pumpkinseed sunfish, largemouth bass, brook trout and brown bullhead. In addition to brook trout, it is also stocked with rainbow trout and brown trout.

Fishing:

Spectacle Pond is stocked every year, spring and fall, with brook, brown and rainbow trout. It 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. Some of the smallmouth and largemouth bass sampled during the 1994 survey were of decent size.

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