



FEARING POND

PLYMOUTH

AREA = 24 ACRES

X - MAXIMUM DEPTH = 20 FT.

NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

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Plymouth

Plymouth County

Buzzards Bay Watershed

Latitude: 41.8307786 N Longitude: 70.6666716 W



24 Acres

Depth: 10 feet Average
20 feet Maximum

Primary Gamefish:
Trout

General Information:

Fearing Pond is a 24 acre natural kettlehole pond with an average depth of 10 feet and a maximum depth of 20 feet. Transparency is good at 13 feet, the bottom is mainly sand with some rubble, and aquatic vegetation is sparse. The 0.7 miles of shoreline are wooded with some development in the form of summer cottages, a swimming beach and campground areas.

Access:

Fearing Pond is located in the southern section of Myles Standish State Forest. Access to the pond is obtained through the state forest. From Route 3 south, take exit 5 (Long Pond Road) and follow the signs to the state forest and Fearing Pond. From Route 495 south, take Route 58 north, bear right onto Tremont Street, then right onto Cranberry Road, and at the forest headquarters, take Lower College Pond Road, then take a right onto Halfway Pond Road and then right on Upper College Pond and then left onto Fearing Pond Road. Access for shorefishing or launching of canoes and cartop boats is available through several points over the beach areas. **Electric motors only are allowed.**

Management History:

This pond has been reclaimed five times: 1955, 1959, 1962, 1966 and 1970. It has had recurrent acidity problems, and was treated with limestone in 1971 (15 tons), 1982 (12 tons) and 1991 (8 tons). The limestone treatments provided only temporary relief from acidity, but with continued monitoring and air quality improvements due to federal regulations, the pond can maintain its present fish populations.

Fish Populations:

Fearing Pond was most recently surveyed in the summer of 1992 to determine the holdover status of stocked trout. Brook trout were found to be holding over in the deeper sections of the pond, most likely over springholes (the pond is fed by groundwater only). Yellow perch were the most abundant fish species observed. The pond also contains largemouth bass, sunfish and banded killifish.

Fishing:

Fearing Pond is managed as a catchable trout pond and is heavily stocked in the spring and fall with brook, brown and rainbow trout. It is the only pond in the Myles Standish State Forest that is stocked with trout. Trout are the primary species of interest to fishermen, although yellow perch, sunfish and largemouth bass will certainly provide some action to those who choose to pursue them. Other nearby ponds in Myles Standish State Forest include Barrett Pond, Charge Pond, College Pond, Curlew Pond, East Head Reservoir and Rocky Pond.