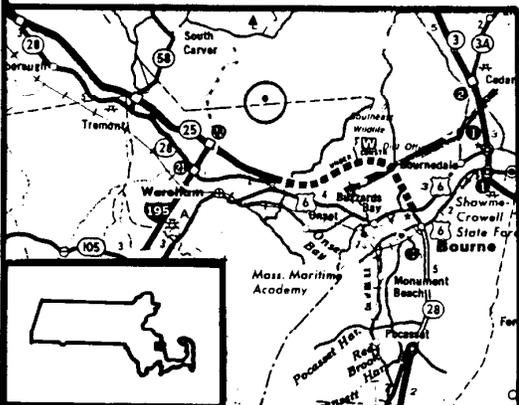


LOCATION



CHARGE POND
 (PLYMOUTH)
 AREA = 23 Acres
 Located in
 Myles Standish State Forest

CHARGE POND

Plymouth

Plymouth County

Buzzards Bay Watershed

Latitude: 41.8161249 N Longitude: 70.6756694 W



23 Acres

Depth: 6 Feet Average
17 Feet Maximum

Primary Gamefish:

Largemouth Bass

General Information:

Charge Pond is a 23 acre natural kettlehole pond with an average depth of six feet and a maximum depth of 17 feet. It is a warmwater pond with a sandy bottom, mud in deeper areas, and scant vegetation. It is fed by groundwater and has a transparency around 14 feet. The 0.6 miles of shoreline are undeveloped except for beach areas and the surrounding campground. The pond itself lies in a deeper kettlehole and the sides slope up steeply to the surrounding road. An outlet flows from the south end of the pond into Harlow Brook which flows into Parker Mills Pond and the Wankinco River.

Access:

Charge Pond is a great pond located in the southernmost section of Myles Standish State Forest. The pond is surrounded by a state forest camping area off of Charge Pond Road. During the summer when the campground is open, canoes can be carried in at several places. During the off season, access is limited to foot traffic. ***Electric motors only are allowed.*** Under a town of Plymouth bylaw, internal combustion engines motors are prohibited in pond less than 30 acres.

Management History:

A September 9, 1912 survey noted "Can drive a horse and wagon all the way around the pond at the water's edge". Between 1927 and 1945, brown bullhead, white and yellow perch and black crappie were stocked. This pond was reclaimed in September 1956 and the standing crop was estimated at about 72 pounds per acre of fish. Over 90% were bluegills and pumpkinseeds. The rest were brown bullheads, largemouth bass, eels and yellow perch. It was later restocked with adult smallmouth bass and alewives. A 1964 pond narrative states that the smallmouth bass and alewives had spawned and that pumpkinseeds, redbfin pickerel, brown bullheads and chain pickerel had also reentered the pond.

Fish Populations:

The pond was last sampled in the summer of 1995. Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, pumpkinseeds, yellow perch, banded killifish and American eel were all present at that time.

Fishing:

Charge Pond has a nice undeveloped shoreline and is located entirely within a camping area of the Myles Standish State Forest. Fishermen can expect to catch panfish such as pumpkinseed sunfish and yellow perch. Largemouth bass are the primary gamefish with some of decent size noted during the last survey. A few smallmouth bass are available as well although the few noted during the last survey were in poor condition. Other nearby ponds include Barretts Pond, College Pond, Fearings Pond, Curlew Pond and Five Mile Pond.

Charge Pond Fish Species

| <i>Common Name</i> | <i>Abundance</i> |
|--------------------|------------------|
| American eel | Few |
| Banded Killifish | Common |
| Pumpkinseed | Common |
| Smallmouth bass | Few |
| Largemouth bass | Common |
| Yellow perch | Abundant |

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