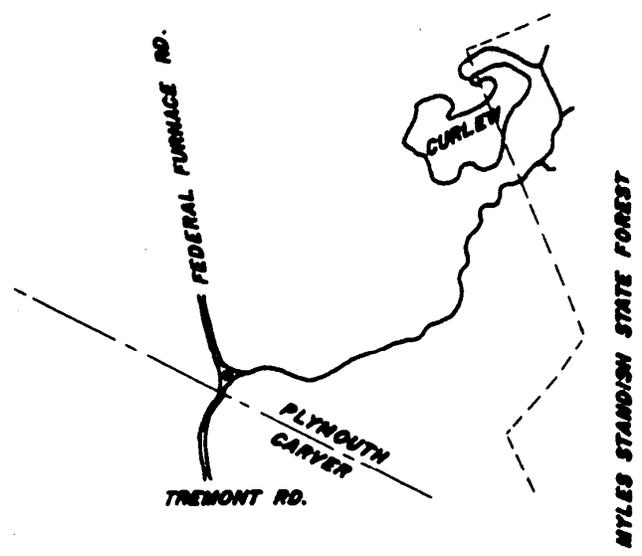




CURLEW POND

Plymouth

Area = 43 Acres



NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

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Buzzards Bay Watershed

Latitude: 41.8901968 N Longitude: 70.6972757 W



43 Acres

Depth: 11 Feet Average
31 Feet Maximum

Primary Gamefish:
Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass

General Information:

Curlew Pond is a 43-acre natural warmwater pond which has an average depth of 11 feet and a maximum depth of 31 feet. Transparency is good at 12 feet, and the bottom is composed of rubble, sand and muck. The only water source is groundwater, and there is no outlet. The 1.5 miles of shoreline are developed with houses on the eastern side and a state forest campground on the western end.

Access:

Curlew Pond is located partially in Myles Standish State Forest, about 6 miles south of the town of Plymouth. An access suitable for cartop boats and canoes is located on the northeast end of the pond off Curlew Pond Road which is located off Bare Hill Road.

Management History:

The pond was first surveyed on July 28, 1912 and good black bass fishing was noted as was a fire which "recently burned to water's edge". Between 1926 and 1947, the pond was stocked with black crappie, chain pickerel, bluegills, yellow perch, white perch, brown bullheads and smallmouth bass. A June 27, 1952 survey noted chain pickerel, brown bullheads, yellow perch, pumpkinseeds, banded killifish, golden shiners and banded sunfish. This pond was reclaimed in 1953 and again in 1957. Carrying capacity was between 53 and 64 pounds of fish per acre. A chronic acidity problem was addressed in 1991 with the addition of nearly 17 tons of limestone.

Fish Populations:

A fisheries sampling operation conducted in October of 1988 found nine fish species present: smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, black crappie, pumpkinseed, bluegill, yellow and white perch, chain pickerel and banded killifish.

Fishing:

This is a pretty little pond offering a very pleasant fishing experience. Anglers can expect the action to be fair to good, although few large gamefish are reported. Panfishing may be the best bet, as this pond is known to occasionally produce exceptionally large bluegills. Other nearby ponds in Myles Standish State Forest include Barrett Pond, Charge Pond, College Pond, Fearings Pond and Rocky Pond.

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