



Baker Pond
 ORLEANS
 28 Acres
 Access via Baker Pond Road

Not To Be Used For Navigational Purposes

BAKER POND

Orleans

Barnstable County

Cape Cod Watershed

Latitude: 41.7664293 N Longitude: 70.0040219



26 Acres

Depth: 18 feet Average
60 feet Maximum

Primary Gamefish:
Trout, Smallmouth Bass

General Information:

Baker Pond is a 26 acre, natural kettlehole pond with a maximum depth of 60 feet and an average depth of 18 feet. Transparency is good, extending to 11 feet or more, but aquatic vegetation is scarce. The shoreline is moderately developed with houses, but for the most part the 1.1 miles of shoreline are forested in scrub pine and oak. The ponds name refers to William Baker who lived at the pond in the 1700s (Green et al. 2006).

Access:

Baker Pond is located in the eastern portion of Orleans just west of Route 6. To get to the pond from the Sagamore Bridge, take Route 6 east to Exit 12 (Route 6A). Take a left on to Route 6A (back under Route 6) and then take your first left onto Baker Pond Road. Access to the pond is provided by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries of Wildlife over a small beach area on the west side of the road with parking for approximately eight vehicles. There is no launching ramp, but canoes and car-top boats can be launched over the beach area. Most of the shoreline is easily wadeable. *There is a 10 horsepower motor limit enforced by the town of Orleans.*

Management History:

The pond was first surveyed on September 1, 1911 and yellow perch, chain pickerel, brown bullhead were reported. From 1933 to 1937 the pond was stocked with brook trout, brown trout, smallmouth bass, white perch and yellow perch. An August 19, 1948 survey found yellow perch, chain pickerel, banded killifish and smallmouth bass. This pond was reclaimed in 1954, and has been treated with lime periodically to counteract high acidity. Adult smallmouth bass were stocked here in 1980 and 1981. Trout are stocked here every spring and fall.

Fish Populations:

This pond was last surveyed in 1988, at which time nine species were recorded: pumpkinseed, smallmouth bass, brown bullhead, banded killifish, golden shiner, yellow perch, American eel, brown trout and rainbow trout.

Fishing:

Baker Pond is managed primarily as a trout pond and is annually stocked in the spring and fall with brook, brown and rainbow trout. Due to its good summer trout habitat, the pond offers the potential for some nice holdover trout fishing. Summer anglers seeking trout should look for the fish at depths of 20 to 35 feet. All the standard trout baits and lures are effective, but if all else fails, try drift-jigging a small streamer or grass shrimp about two feet behind a split shot within the depth range mentioned above. Don't overlook the smallmouth bass here. Although not as plentiful as stocked trout, there are enough to offer fair bass fishing action, and some of them are quite large. Try bucktails and eel imitations along the bottom. Some anglers find they do best with live bait in the form of grass shrimp. Other nearby ponds are Flax Pond, Higgins Pond, Little Cliff Pond and Cliff Pond in Nickerson State Park in Brewster.

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