Lake Cochituate, Framingham/Natick/Wayland

General Information
Lake Cochituate is a 635 acre Great Pond located off of Route 9 and Route 30 at the intersection of the towns of Framingham, Natick, and Wayland. The lake is divided into three major basins, which are connected by navigable culverts. The Southern Basin is the largest at 257 acres and has an average depth of 19 feet and also contains the lakes deepest point at 69 feet. The middle basin is 144 acres and has an average depth of 26 feet and the northern basin is 216 acres and has an average depth of 30 feet. The pond bottom is primarily mud and gravel with the exception of the southern half of the southern basin which contains considerable areas of sand. Aquatic vegetation is common along the shore and water transparency is typically between 5 and 7 feet. While the surrounding areas are thickly developed, much or the immediate shoreline is contained within Cochituate state park and is undeveloped. Recreational usage is high throughout the warm months.

Recreational Access
The department of Conservation and Recreation manages a large boat ramp and adjacent parking area (71°22'31.980"W 42°18'37.388"N) suitable for 50 trailers within Cochituate State Park off of route 30 in Wayland on the northern shore of the middle basin. Cartop boat access is also provided at the Wayland town beach (71°22'21.426"W 42°19'4.313"N) located off of Pemberton Rd. on the south eastern shore of the northern basin. Parking fees may apply at both launching points. The majority of the shoreline is contained Coichituate State Park and is therefore accessible, although street-side parking is often the rule. Please contact the offices of Cochituate State Park for additional information, fee structure, and/or restrictions pertaining to public access of Lake Cochituate.

Fish Populations
The following fish species were found during MassWildlife surveys: Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Common Carp, Yellow Perch, White Perch, Black Crappie, Brown Bullhead, Yellow Bullhead, White Sucker, American Eel, Swamp Darter, and Golden Shiner. Lake Cochituate is also stocked with trout each spring and fall and occasionally Northern Pike and Tiger Muskellunge when they become available. Please check the Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife Northern Pike and Tiger Muskellunge online stocking page for stocking dates.

Fishing
Few lakes in the Commonwealth offer as tremendous a variety of fishing opportunities as Lake Cochituate. Panfish are abundant in all basins, with the bluegill and yellow perch populations in particular containing plenty of big fish. Stocked trout provide good action throughout the year and the Largemouth Bass fishery is excellent with an abundance of fish in all three basins. Lake Cochituate has produced Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Tiger Muskellunge, Chain Pickerel, Carp, Channel Catfish, Tiger Trout, and Brook Trout that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Freshwater Sportfishing Awards Program.

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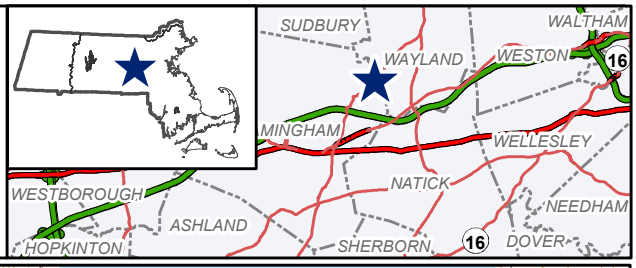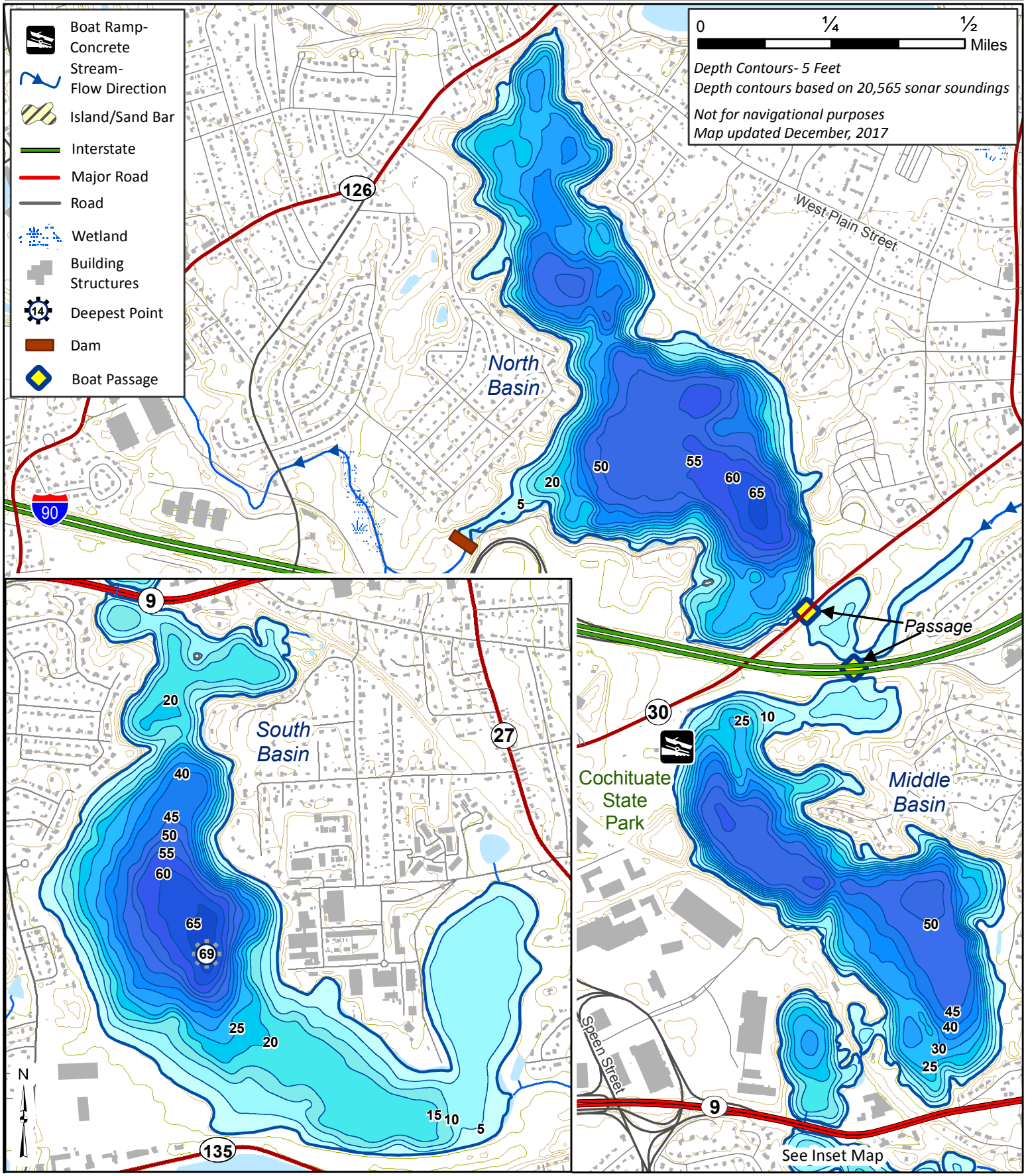
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