Great Herring Pond, Plymouth/Bourne

General Information

Great Herring Pond, historically known as Lake Manomet, is a 424 acre Great Pond with an average depth of 21 feet and a maximum depth of 47 feet. Its outlet is the Herring River, formerly known as Monument River, which used to flow into Buzzards Bay. This river now enters the Cape Cod Canal at the Bournedale Herring Run. The pond’s water supply is an inlet from Little Herring Pond, cranberry bogs and groundwater. Water color is generally clear and transparency is about 8 feet. Due its windswept nature, the pond does not stratify during the summer months. The pond’s 5.3 miles of shoreline is moderately developed with houses, roads, cranberry bogs and a summer camp (Camp Bournedale). The bottom is primarily sand and rubble with mud in deeper and more sheltered areas.

Recreational Access

Access is provided by a MassWildlife managed gravel boat ramp suitable for trailered boats and associated parking area with space for approximately 6 cars (70°33’50.41”W 41°47’11.43”N). The ramp and parking area is located off Little Sandy Pond Rd adjacent to the intersection with Herring Pond Rd. The ramp is shallow, sandy, and unimproved; four wheel drive vehicles are recommended if trying to launch trailered craft. Please contact MassWildlife for additional information and/or restrictions pertaining to public access of Great Herring Pond.

Fish Populations


Fishing

Great Herring Pond offers good Smallmouth Bass and White Perch fishing. Try off the points on the eastern shore and also the two sunken islands near the center of the pond. Abundant forage from the Bournedale herring run translates into good growth rates for gamefish and panfish but may make the gamefish a little harder to catch during the summer months when schools of young-of-year herring are readily available. Great Herring Pond has produced Yellow Perch, and Chain Pickerel that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Freshwater Sportfishing Awards Program.
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424 Acres
Sagamore
Buzzards Bay Watershed

Coordinates: 70°33'50.84"W  41°47'11.43"N
USGS Quad: SAGAMORE

Not for navigational purposes
Depth contours based on 9,307 sonar soundings
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