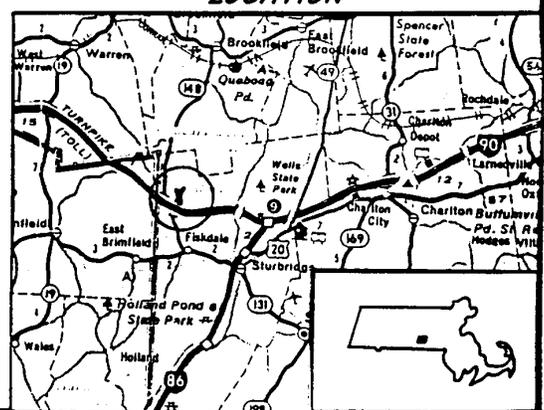


BIG ALUM POND
 (STURBRIDGE)
 AREA = 195 Acres

LOCATION



NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

Big Alum Pond
Sturbridge
Worcester County
Quinebaug Watershed

Latitude: 42°08'3.46"N
Longitude: 71°07'7.69W



195 Acres
Depth: 23 Feet Average
45 Feet Maximum
Primary Gamefish:
Trout

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General Information: Located in Sturbridge, this lake averages 23 feet in depth with a maximum of 45 feet. Transparency is high at 17 feet. The pH is on the acidic side at 6.4. Aquatic macrophytes present include pondweed, yellow water lily and muskgrass. The shoreline is about 80% developed with year-round homes and summer cottages. Fishing, boating, water skiing and swimming are all popular at this lake.

Access: The southern end has a paved public boat ramp and parking lot for 20 cars. Access for shore fishing is somewhat limited because of the number of private dwellings.

Management History: Managed as a coldwater fishery.

Fish Populations: Big Alum was most recently sampled in the summer of 1999 to assess the fish population. Twelve species were found, including rainbow and brown trout stocked in the spring. Gamefish collected, besides the trout, included smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, and chain pickerel. Panfish present included bluegills, pumpkinseeds, redbreasted sunfish, yellow perch, and brown bullheads.

Fishing: Big Alum is stocked each spring with rainbow trout, brown trout, brook trout, and tiger trout. This attractive lake draws a considerable number of anglers interested in catching trout from mid-April through early June. Spring smallmouth bass fishing should be good, as this lake presently supports a healthy population. Trout do holdover through the summer and are caught in the fall and winter. Both rainbows and browns can be taken. For those interested in ice fishing, Big Alum also contains large chain pickerel. Jigging for yellow perch should also be productive.

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