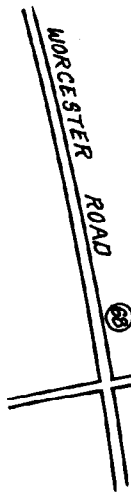
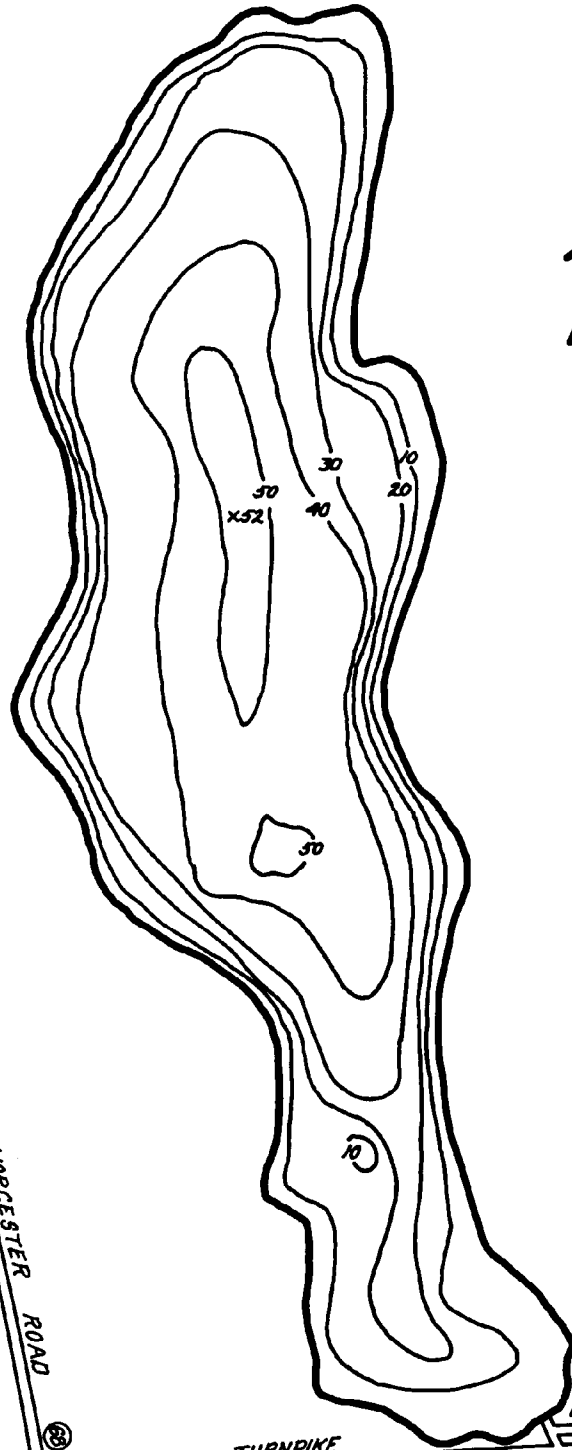


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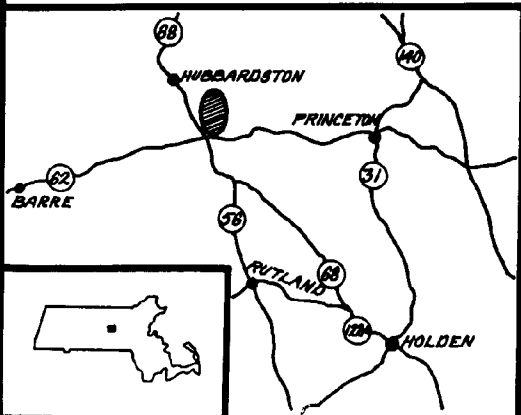
HUBBARDSTON

Area: 127 Acres



M.D.C. RIGHT OF WAY & BOAT LAUNCHING SITE

LOCATION



SCALE : 1" = 666'

NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

ASNACOMET POND (Hubbardston)

General Information:

Also known as "Comet Pond," this 127 acre cold water pond, located just to the north of the junction of Routes 68 and 62 in Hubbardston, has long been one of the most popular trout ponds in central Massachusetts. The shoreline is more than 50% developed with year round homes and summer cottages, but the area remains generally scenic. The water is exceptionally clear with a transparency of approximately 25 feet. This pond is extremely infertile and there is very little aquatic vegetation.

Boat access is provided by a paved ramp just off Route 62. There is also good shoreline access here, extending for some distance up the southeastern shore. A paved parking lot adjacent to the ramp has space for 25 or more cars. In the spring and fall, shore access is also available at a town beach entrance off Route 68, but this is generally open only to town residents during the summer swimming season. Note that there is a 20 horsepower motor restriction on this water. Motors with higher horsepower ratings are not allowed.

Fish Populations:

This pond is stocked with good numbers of brown, brook and/or rainbow trout every spring and fall, and in addition, broodstock salmon are also stocked whenever they are available. Division fish sampling operations continue to show that Asnacomet contains stocked trout, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, yellow perch, pumpkinseeds, bluegills, rainbow smelt and a few bullheads and golden shiners. Due to the infertility of this pond, bass and panfish are not abundant and display slow growth rates.

Fishing:

Trout are the name of the game at this pond. The water provides excellent holdover capability, and many trout survive for a year or more, but the lack of a good forage base precludes high growth rates. An occasional large brown trout is taken, but for the most part anglers will be fishing for recently stocked fish. The broodstock salmon provide a chance for some spectacular trophies.

The pond's elongated shape is ideal for trolling, and boaters and canoe fishermen seem to have the best luck pulling small spoons, streamers or sometimes minnow plugs. Shore fishermen typically have the best luck with scented doughbaits, salmon eggs or worms fished on or near the bottom, or dropped slowly through the water column with a sinking float. Comet gets crowded during the spring stocking season and anytime salmon are stocked; for best results during these periods, try to fish on weekdays.

Comet is also a favorite site for ice fishermen since it freezes early, holds its ice late and is a premier pond for taking trout and salmon through the ice.

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