



WINNECONNET POND

NORTON

AREA=148 ACRES



NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

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(Norton)

General Information:

This 148-acre, weedy, warm water pond has an average depth of six feet and a maximum depth of 11 feet. The fertile, stained water is transparent to five feet and the bottom is predominantly mud. The shoreline is heavily developed with commercial and residential buildings except for the swampy areas near inlets. The Canoe River and Mulberry Meadow Brook feed the pond. The outlet is the Snake River.

The pond is readily accessible from Route 495, Exit 9, Bay Road. From Route 495 north, take Exit 9 and take Bay Road left and back across the highway. From Route 495 south, exit 9; take a right onto Bay Road. The pond is less than a half-mile from the highway. Parking is available along Bay Road or at a small parking area provided by the MDFW on the northern side of the Snake River outlet. A dirt ramp is provided on the Snake River, while a paved ramp is available off of Bay Road. Shoreline fishing is available along Bay Road.

The pond's panfish populations were deliberately thinned with a netting operation in 1955.

Fish Populations:

The pond was last surveyed in July of 1978. Nine species were found: largemouth bass, chain pickerel, yellow perch, bluegill, pumpkinseed, white perch, brown bullhead, golden shiner and white sucker. Black crappie are also known to be present. The pond was stocked with northern pike in 1988 and 1992.

Fishing:

This pond is one of the most popular ponds in southeastern Massachusetts for ice fishing, being one of the first ponds to ice-up and one of the last to lose its ice. Due to excellent access, the pond is heavily fished. Abundant weed growth in the summer can make fishing and boating difficult. In response to this, the town of Norton has purchased and operates a weed-harvesting machine on the pond during the summer. Fisherman can expect catches of chain pickerel and largemouth bass with an occasional northern pike of ten pounds or more from the 1988 stocking.

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