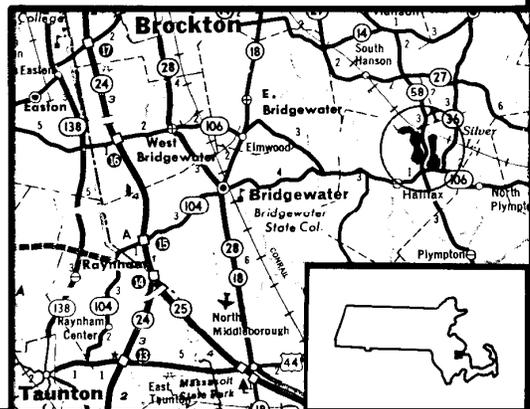


MONPONSETT LAKES

HALIFAX

Area = 528 Ac.

LOCATION



NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

MONPONSETT PONDS

Halifax/Hanson
Plymouth County

Taunton River Watershed

Latitude: 42.0056693 N Longitude: 70.8461170 W



528 Acres

Depth: 7 feet Average
13 feet Maximum

Primary Gamefish:
Largemouth Bass

General Information:

Monponsett Ponds is a relatively large system (total area 528 acres) consisting of two basins: east and west. Route 58 runs between the two basins, which are connected by a small culvert at their southern ends. The eastern basin is 246 acres; the western basin is 282 acres. Both basins are infertile, transparent to about six feet, have an average depth of seven feet and a maximum depth of 13 feet. The bottom is a mixture of sand and rubble. Emergent vegetation covers approximately 20% of the surface area of both basins. The eastern basin has three and a half miles of shoreline, about a third of which is developed with year round homes. The western basin has a little over four miles of shoreline, about a fifth of which has been lost to residential development. East Monponsett Pond is used to supplement the City of Brockton's Silver Lake Water supply during the winter months and West Monponsett Pond drains into Stump Brook, a tributary of the Satucket River.

Access:

Public access to West Monponsett Pond is a state Public Access Board boat ramp located off Route 58 (Monponsett Street). There is a large unpaved parking area for about 20 vehicles and a boat ramp with concrete pads. Access for smaller boats to East Monponsett Pond can be made underneath Route 58 through a low culvert. There are also two access points for town residents only: the access to East Monponsett is off Holmes Street (Route 36) and to West Monponsett Pond the town access is off Lingan Street at the end of Fourth Avenue.

Management History:

Prior to 1946, the ponds had been stocked with rainbow trout, landlocked salmon, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, bullheads, yellow perch, white perch, black crappie, bluegills, pumpkinseeds, shiners, and alewives. The lakes were reclaimed in 1959 and over 50,000 pounds of fish were removed. It was restocked with largemouth bass, chain pickerel, yellow perch and walleyes. East Monponsett Pond was stocked with tiger muskies in 1988. Due to heavy recreational use, the ponds are heavily patrolled by a Halifax Police patrol boat during the summer months.

Fish Populations:

The fish population of East Monponsett Pond was most recently sampled in August of 2001. Bluegill, white perch, yellow perch, pumpkinseed and largemouth bass were common, chain pickerel and golden shiner were also found. The fish populations of West Monponsett Pond were most recently sampled in June of 1990. Ten species were observed in the western basin: white perch, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, bluegill, largemouth bass, black crappie, golden shiner, brown bullhead, chain pickerel and American eel. White sucker were also observed in West Monponsett Pond in 1980.

Fishing:

Both East and West Monponsett Ponds offer good to excellent fishing for largemouth bass and are popular bass tournament sites. Panfishing for white perch and sunfish is also good. Heavy recreational use during the summer months by water skiers and jet skis limit the best fishing times to morning or evening hours. Other nearby ponds include Burrage Ponds in Hanson and Halifax, Robbins Pond in East Bridgewater and Furnace and Oldham Ponds in Pembroke.

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