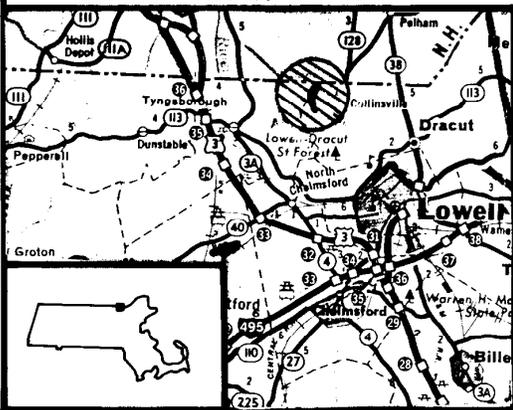


LOCATION



LONG POND
DRACUT - TYNGSBORO
Area: 68 Acres (Mass.)
45 Acres (N.H.)

NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

LONG POND (Dracut / Tyngsboro)

General Information:

This infertile, 113-acre lake is located on the New Hampshire border, about three and a half miles northwest of the center of Dracut. Maximum depth is a little over twenty-five feet and average depth is around ten feet. Transparency is excellent at 17 feet, and aquatic vegetation is scant with the exception of a few weed patches in the vicinity of the marshy area near the outlet on the south end. More than half of the shoreline is developed with seasonal and year round homes.

There is no formal public access at this pond, but boat launching is available for a fee at a paved commercial ramp located off Old Nashua / Long Pond Road near the Tyngsboro/Dracut town line.

Fish Populations:

A fisheries survey conducted in 1981 recorded ten species of warm water fish: largemouth bass, chain pickerel, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, bluegill, white perch, yellow bullhead, brown bullhead, white sucker and golden shiner.

Fishing:

This is an interstate pond, hence licensed anglers from either Massachusetts or New Hampshire are allowed to fish it. New Hampshire regulations apply, however, and they are generally less restrictive than ours (no minimum length on bass for instance). Shoreline access is extremely poor due to the fact that most of the shoreline is either developed or privately owned, and with the heavy recreational use and little in the way of secluded coves and backwaters, even boat fishing is difficult during the warmer months. Probably the best way to fish this lake is through the ice during the winter.

At the time of the last survey panfish were common but bass and pickerel were scarce and generally of small average size. This situation is unlikely to have improved due to the infertility of the water and the heavy recreational pressure it receives. A good pickerel is occasionally taken through the ice, however, and historically at least, the lake has produced good catches of yellow perch.

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