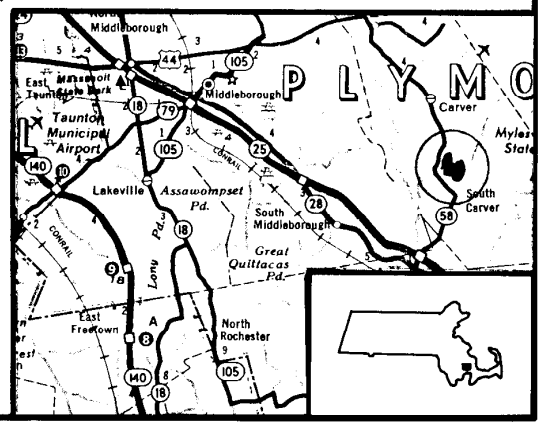


SAMPSONS POND
CARVER
Area = 310 Acres

LOCATION



NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

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Carver

Plymouth County

Buzzards Bay Watershed

Latitude: 41.85066 N Longitude: 70.75335 W



310 Acres

Depth: 9 feet Average

14 feet Maximum

Primary Gamefish:

Largemouth Bass

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General Information:

Sampsons Pond is a 310 acre natural warmwater pond with an average depth of nine feet and a maximum depth of 14 feet. The water is slightly stained with a transparency of 12 feet. The bottom is composed of sand and gravel. Emergent vegetation covers about a tenth of the surface area. The shoreline (3.4 miles) is lightly developed with year round homes and cranberry bogs. The pond is fed by cranberry bog drainage and Tillson Brook and drains into Sampsons Brook at the south end. The pond was natural pond which has been enlarged to its present size by a dam built for a foundry.

Access:

Sampsons Pond is an enlarged great pond located in South Carver just north of Main Street and between Route 58 and Tremont Street. Access is a paved launching ramp off Main Street suitable for trailered boats. The town of Carver also has a town beach on the south end of the pond. The access is controlled by the town of Carver and although there is no launching fee, fishermen will need a to purchase a privilege sticker from the town hall to park on the town land next to the ramp.

Management History:

In 1909, the pond was stocked with smallmouth bass and rainbow smelt. A July 28, 1912 survey reported red perch (yellow perch), very few white perch, eels, pickerel and hornpout (brown bullhead). The deep bay on the east side where Tillson Brook enters was reported as a flooded swamp with an old road bed cutting across it. Between 1909 and 1951, the pond has been stocked with smallmouth bass, rainbow smelt, largemouth bass, white perch, bluegills, brown bullhead, yellow perch, chain pickerel, black crappie, and sunfish. An August 1946 survey captured yellow perch, white perch, smallmouth bass and chain pickerel. Numerous fish kills associated with cranberry production were reported between the 1930s and 1980s. It was stocked with smallmouth bass in 1960.

Fish Populations:

Sampson Pond was last sampled in June of 1983 and 11 species were observed: banded killifish, yellow perch, bluegill, golden shiner, brown bullhead, common shiner, white perch, largemouth bass, chain pickerel, pumpkinseed sunfish and American eel.

Fishing:

Sampsons Pond is not a fertile pond, hence bass and pickerel yields are expected to be low. This pond has a reputation as a good bass producer, however, and numerous large bass have been reported as taken here (including the state record, but that fish based on numerous reliable reports actually came from another pond). Best fishing appears to be for yellow perch, some of which range to 10 inches or more. Dunhams Pond is located nearby.

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