

## Coonamessett Pond, Falmouth

#### **General Information**

Coonamessett Pond is a 164-acre great pond with a maximum depth of 37 feet and an average depth of 19 feet. Transparency is only fair during the summer, extending to about 6.5 feet. The pond stratifies during the summer at about 20 to 25 feet but no trout water exists. The shoreline is 2.9 miles and is moderately developed with the Cape Cod Country Club golf course, cottages and year-round homes. The pond receives water from groundwater and small inlets from Round Pond and former bogs to the north and drains into the Coonamessett River.

#### **Recreational Access**

Public access is provided by the town of Falmouth through the Matthew R. Souza Conservation Area on the southwestern end of the pond. The unpaved access road off of Hatchville Road is narrow and rutted and the unimproved ramp is suitable only for cartop boat, canoes, or very light trailers (70°34'19.45"W 41°37'8.48"N). Parking is available for approximately five cars. There is a 5 horsepower limit on outboards imposed by the town of Falmouth. Please contact the Natural Resources Division of the town of Falmouth for additional information, and/or restrictions pertaining to public access.

#### **Fish Populations**

The following fish species were found during MassWildlife surveys: Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Alewife, Yellow Perch, Bluegill, White Perch, Banded Killifish, Brown Bullhead, Pumpkinseed, Golden Shiner and White Sucker, White Catfish and Tessellated Darter. Black Crappie have also been reported recently. The sea-run River Herring (Alewives and Blueback Herring) enter the pond via the Coonamessett River/Dutchman's Ditch from Great Pond in Falmouth and Nantucket Sound.

#### **Fishing**

The sea-run River Herring provide a good forage base for gamefish in this pond. Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass do well here, with growth rates above the state average for these species. Chain Pickerel provide good fishing with some sizable fish 20 inches and better. Panfishing should be good here with plenty of decent Bluegill and a large Yellow Perch population.

Other nearby ponds are Ashumet Pond, Coonamessett River Reservoir, Deep Pond, Grews Pond, Mares Pond, Johns Pond and Mashpee-Wakeby Ponds.

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