



Lake Mattawa, Orange

General Information

Lake Mattawa is a 118 acre great pond located in the town of Orange just south of Route 2. The average depth of Lake Mattawa is 17 feet with a maximum of 43 feet. The presence of numerous underwater springs contribute to clear water that is typically transparent to 15 feet or more. The bottom is predominately gravel and sand and aquatic vegetation is rare and largely limited to shallow coves. The shoreline is 75% developed with year round homes and summer cottages. Recreational usage in the summer is high, with swimming, fishing and sailing the most popular activities.

Recreational Access

The town of Orange manages a small concrete boat ramp (72°19'37.50"W 42°34'13.69"N) on the north shore of Lake Mattawa off of Lake Mattawa Rd. Be careful when launching as there is limited room to maneuver and the ramp has steep drop offs. Cartop and paddle boats may also be launched at several areas along Lake Mattawa Rd. Parking is limited to the shoulder of Lake Mattawa Rd. The shoreline may be accessed from Lake Mattawa Rd. and from the northern portion of Holtshire Rd. Outboard motors are restricted to 10hp or less by town ordinance. Please contact the town of Orange for additional information and/or restrictions pertaining to public access of Lake Mattawa.

Fish Populations

The following fish species were found during MassWildlife surveys: Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Yellow Perch, White Perch, Black Crappie, Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Brown Bullhead, Yellow Bullhead, White Sucker, Golden Shiner, Rainbow Smelt, and Banded Killifish. Lake Mattawa is also stocked each spring and fall with trout.

Fishing

Lake Mattawa maintains a layer of cold, oxygenated water throughout the warm summer months which allows stocked trout to survive multiple seasons. Trout can be caught year round but anglers will find the best action in the spring and fall. Lake Mattawa has a reputation for producing trophy trout some in the 4-5 lb range. Furthermore, the presence of both Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass as well as considerable numbers of good sized Yellow Perch and Sunfish make Lake Mattawa an ideal place to spend a day fishing. Lake Mattawa has produced Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Bullhead, Black Crappie, Sunfish, Yellow Perch, White Perch, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, and Tiger Trout that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Freshwater Sportfishing Awards Program.

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[Trout Stocking Information](#)

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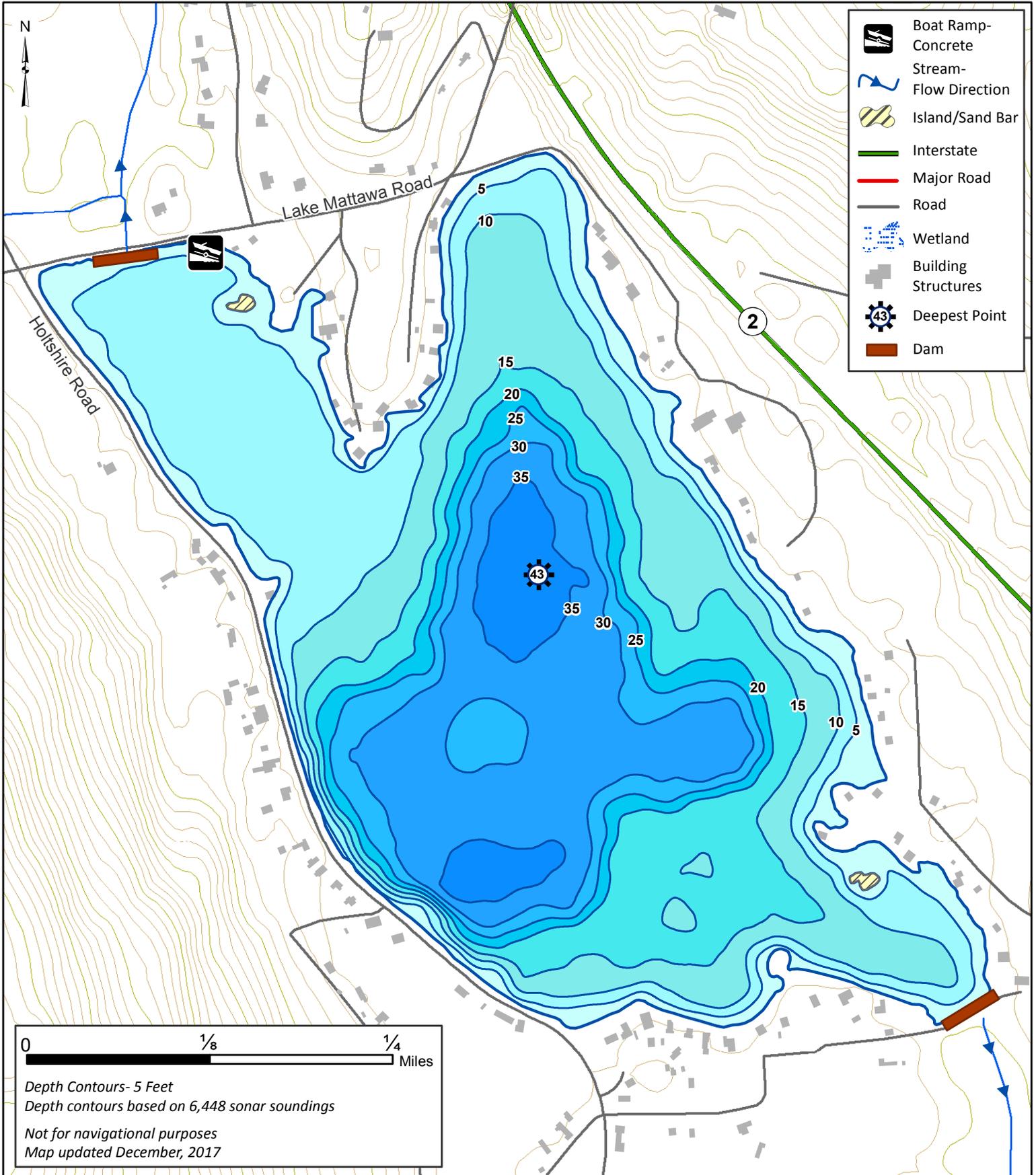
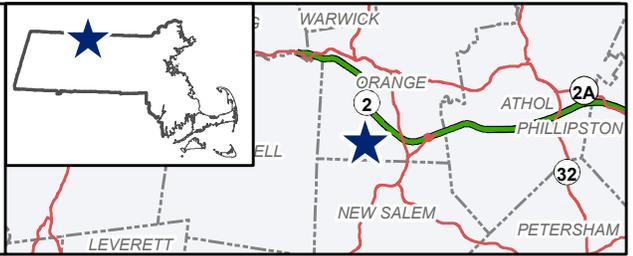
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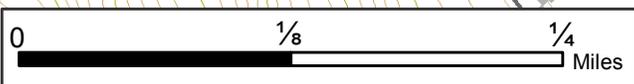
Chicopee River Watershed

Coordinates: 72°19'37.50"W 42°34'13.69"N

USGS Quad: ORANGE



- Boat Ramp
- Concrete
- Stream
- Flow Direction
- Island/Sand Bar
- Interstate
- Major Road
- Road
- Wetland
- Building
- Structures
- Deepest Point
- Dam



Depth Contours- 5 Feet
 Depth contours based on 6,448 sonar soundings
 Not for navigational purposes
 Map updated December, 2017