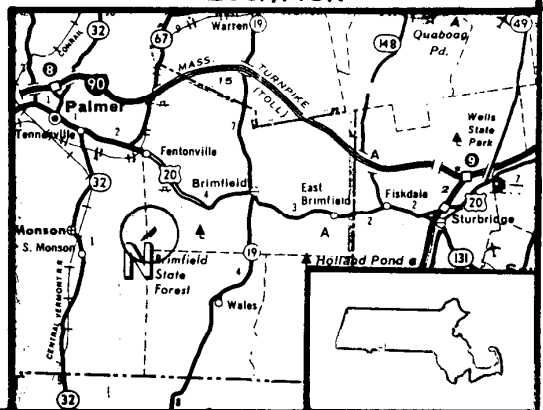


DEAN POND
 BRIMFIELD & MONSON
 Area = 11 Acres

LOCATION



NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

DEAN POND (Brimfield)

General Information:

This is a small, 11-acre, man-made pond located within Brimfield State Forest one mile south of Dangler Dell Road. This is the main park pond and, as such, is heavily used by picnickers and swimmers. There is no formal boat access and its small size and heavy use preclude the use of motor boats. A large beach occupies a section of the east shore. Parking is at the main park parking area about 100 yards from the pond's edge. The only immediate structure on the shoreline is a park pavilion. A gate fee or DEM season pass is necessary for parking.

The pond is characterized by brown watercolor with a transparency of five feet and a mean and maximum depth of four and ten feet respectively. The bottom is soft muck and much of the pond near the dam has been silted in. Much of the pond is heavily infested with aquatic vegetation. There is a minimal amount of trout water present.

This pond can be located on the U.S.G.S. topographical quad map titled "Wales." Nearby fishing areas include the Quaboag and Quinebaug Rivers, Little Alum Pond, East Brimfield Reservoir, Holland Pond and Hamilton Reservoir.

Fish Populations:

The fish population was sampled on June 11, 1980. The eight species observed, listed in order of abundance, include largemouth bass, pumpkinseeds, bluegill, golden shiners, brown bullhead, brook and rainbow trout.

Fishing:

The largemouth bass population is stunted with few bass being of legal length. There is a scarcity of quality size fish 12 inches or better. There is an abundance of panfish for the young angler, and always the possibility to catch a few trout. Stockings of brook and brown trout are made ever spring and fall. Ice fishermen are a common sight during the winter.

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