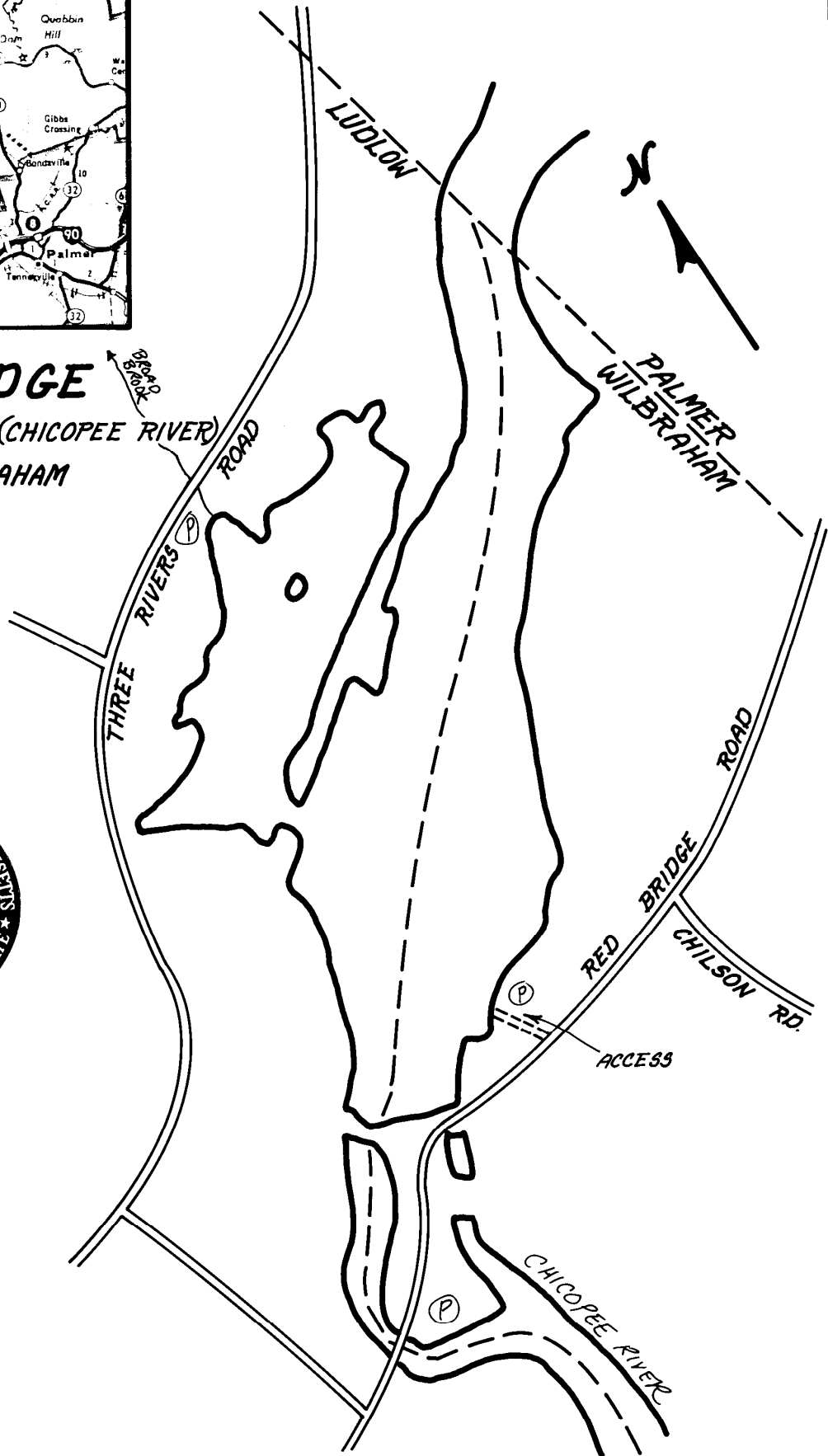


**RED BRIDGE
POOL (CHICOPEE RIVER)**
LUDLOW - WILBRAHAM
106 Acres



NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

RED BRIDGE POND (Ludlow)

General Information:

This is a 106-acre impoundment on the Chicopee River in Ludlow with access located near the dam off Poole Street. A steep, paved launch ramp suitable for trailers and including a parking area for approximately 10 cars is provided. The impoundment is characterized by brown water with a transparency of three feet. There are approximately two miles of wooded shoreline. The bottom is muck and gravel, and emergent aquatic vegetation is sparse. The deepest area near the dam may have a limited amount of trout water, but for all practical purposes this is warm water habitat. The area of the Chicopee River located below the powerhouse is within walking distance of Red Bridge, and provides additional parking spaces and fishing opportunities.

This pond can be located on the U.S.G.S. topographical quad map titled "Ludlow." Nearby fishing areas include the Swift, Ware, Quaboag and Chicopee Rivers.

Fish Populations:

The fish population was last sampled on June 23, 1981, at which time 12 species were observed. Listed in order of sampling abundance these included yellow perch, white perch, pumpkinseed, white sucker, bluegill, golden shiner, fallfish, largemouth bass, yellow bullhead, chain pickerel, black crappie and brown bullhead.

Fishing:

A large population of yellow and white perch overpopulates this impoundment. These species in the 6 - 10 inch range comprised over 57% of the sample by weight. White suckers accounted for 27% of the sample by weight, with gamefish constituting less than three percent. Except for panfishing, fishing here would generally be poor. In an attempt to bring the panfish population into balance and provide some sport fishing opportunity, tiger muskies were stocked here in 1981, 1986 and 1991. Northern pike were stocked in 1987. While several large pike have been reported caught, tiger muskie returns have remained low. Anglers should be aware that there is a good possibility of hooking a trophy here.

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