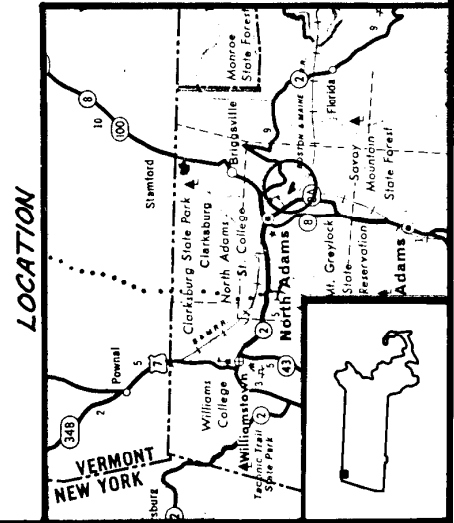


WINDSOR LAKE
NORTH ADAMS
17 ACRES

NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES



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General Information:

This tiny, 17-acre man-made pond lies approximately a half-mile east of Route 8. It has an average depth of about 8 feet and a maximum depth of 19 feet. The water is slightly turbid and the transparency is only 6 feet. Although the bottom consists of muck and silt, aquatic vegetation is scarce.

Since most of Windsor Lake is owned by the city of North Adams, public access is excellent. Shore fishermen can cast from about 2/3 of the pond's edge while boat anglers are somewhat more restricted. A gravel boat ramp located at the head of the pond's northern cove is suitable for launching canoes and car top boats. **No motors of any kind are allowed.** During summer, recreational use of this pond is high, with swimming the most popular activity.

Fish Populations:

The most recent survey of this pond, conducted in 1980, recorded six species present: rainbow trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, golden shiner and white sucker. The trout are the result of an annual stocking in the spring.

Fishing:

The spring trout fishery is clearly the principal fishery, drawing anglers here from April through June. Trout probably cannot hold over here, but at least some are still available through July

Although not overly abundant or large, the bass display good growth rates and there are numerous fish of legal size. The yellow perch, which are the most abundant species in the pond, also display good growth rates, but at the time the sample was taken, perch over 9 inches were scarce. This situation may have changed by now, making it worthwhile to consider jigging this pond in winter.

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