

WINDSOR POND (Windsor)

General Information:

This is 48 acre natural great pond is surprisingly deep, averaging 21 feet and having a maximum depth of 53 feet. The bottom consists of silt overlying gravel and rubble. Aquatic vegetation is scant and limited to a few scattered locations on the west end of the pond. The water is infertile and transparency is good, extending to 12 feet. The shorelines are heavily developed with seasonal and permanent homes.

The pond is located about a half mile south of Route 8A/116 and is easily reached by taking Windsor Pond Road south from that route. Public access is limited to a surfaced ramp located on the east end of the pond right off the road. The attached parking lot can accommodate approximately 15 vehicles. The ramp is suitable for shallow to moderate draft trailer boats.

Fish Populations:

This pond was last surveyed in 1980, at which time nine species were recorded present: chain pickerel, rainbow trout, brook trout, brown bullhead, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, killifish, golden shiner and white sucker. The trout are the result of annual spring stockings. Broodstock salmon are also stocked here, and will continue to be stocked when they are available.

Fishing:

The catchable brook and rainbow trout stocked each spring represent the principal fishery here, with heavy angling pressure lasting through May. Trout hold over through the summer, however, and trout fishing picks up again in the fall and winter. Yellow perch are numerous and display good growth rates, but large individuals are lacking. Pickerel are not particularly numerous, but there are some nice ones in the population.

While few apparently attempt it (perhaps due to competition from skiing and recreational boaters), an angler willing to do a little scouting and experimentation could definitely tap into some good trout action in the middle of July or August. Go early, and try jigging various depths and locations until the fish are located. A small gold jig tipped with a piece of worm should be effective, and a streamer fly can be added as a dropper above the jig to improve the odds.

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