



West Waushacum Pond, Sterling

General Information

West Waushacum Pond is a 120 acre great pond located off of Gates road in Sterling. West Waushacum Pond has an average depth of 16ft and a maximum depth of 31ft and the waters are typically transparent to between 8 and 10 ft. The pond bottom is comprised of rocks and gravel with areas of mud and aquatic vegetation common along the shoreline and shallow shoals. The shores of West Waushacum pond lie within the Department of Conservation and Recreation water supply protection lands and are free from development. Access to the Quag is provided via a narrow channel under the central mass bikepath on the western shore.

Recreational Access

The Department of Conservation and Recreation manages a small gravel launch off Gates road in Sterling (71°45'57.407"W 42°24'38.185"N). The launch is behind a gate and closed to trailered watercraft; however cartop boats and paddle boats may be carried in. The use of combustion engines is prohibited. There is limited parking along Gates road. However, there is a gravel parking area associated with the Central Mass Railtrail some 200 yards from the ramp on Gates Rd. The shoreline may be accessed via the Central Mass Railtrail along the ponds western shore.

Fish Populations

The following fish species were found during MassWildlife surveys: Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Black Crappie, Yellow Perch, White Perch, Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Yellow Bullhead, Brown Bullhead, and Golden Shiner. West Waushacum Pond is also stocked each spring with trout.

Fishing

The presence of water supply protection lands and restrictions on internal combustion engines make West Waushacum Lake is an ideal location for paddle boat fishing. Those fishing in spring and early summer will find stocked trout in abundance. Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Chain Pickerel, and Largemouth Bass are also abundant with the occasional larger fish. White Perch and Smallmouth Bass are present but in much lower abundance. West Waushacum Pond has produced Smallmouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Black Crappie, White Perch, and Rainbow Trout that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Freshwater Sportfishing Awards Program.

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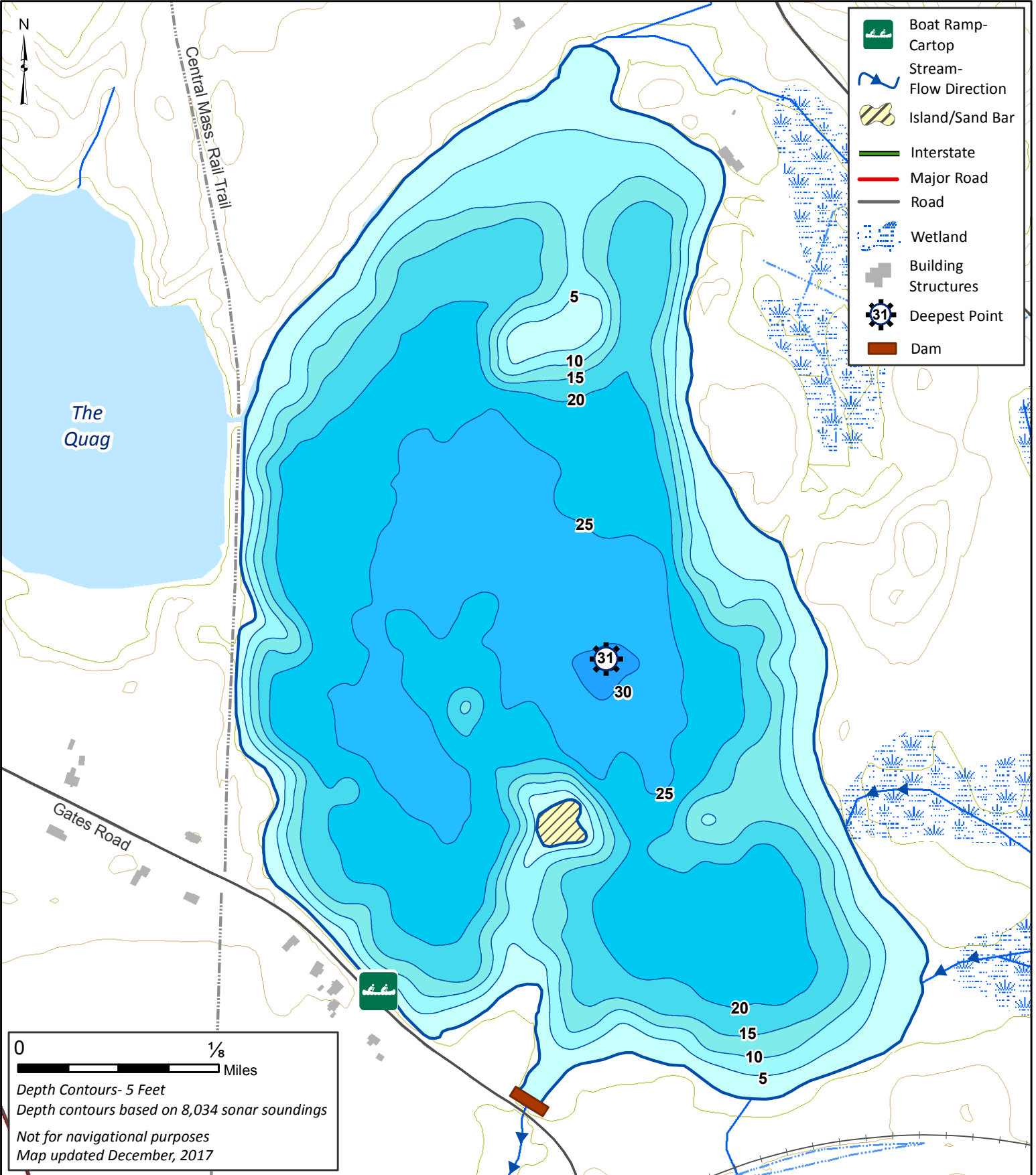
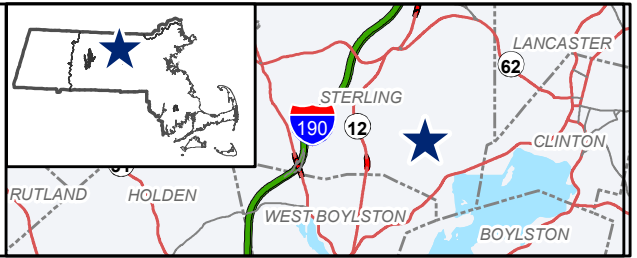
120 Acres

Sterling

Nashua River Watershed

Coordinates: 71°45'57.407"W 42°24'38.185"N

USGS Quad: STERLING



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

0 1/8 Miles

Depth Contours- 5 Feet
 Depth contours based on 8,034 sonar soundings
 Not for navigational purposes
 Map updated December, 2017