

Wallum Lake, Douglas

General Information

Wallum Pond is a 322 acre great pond located off of Lake Road on the Massachusetts-Rhode Island Border in Douglas. One may fish at Wallum Pond with either a Massachusetts or Rhode Island fishing license but Rhode Island fishing regulations apply throughout the pond. The average depth of Wallum Pond is 28 feet with a maximum of 81 feet and water is very clear and typically transparent to 20 feet. The bottom of Wallum Lake is composed of rock and boulders with very little aquatic vegetation. The western shore lies within Douglas State Forest and is undeveloped, while the eastern shore is lined with summer cottages and several year-round homes. Fishing, boating and swimming are popular at this picturesque lake.

Recreational Access

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) manages a concrete boat ramp (71°46'4.863"W 42°1'18.402"N) and an adjacent parking area suitable for 30 trailers on the north shore of the pond off Wallum Lake Rd. Shore access is available in areas adjacent to the ramp and in Douglas state Forest via foot paths. There is also a boat ramp on the eastern shore off South Shore Road just over the Rhode Island border. Please contact the offices of Douglas State Forest for additional information, fee structure, and/or restrictions pertaining to public access of Wallum Pond.

Fish Populations

The following fish species were found during MassWildlife surveys: Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Yellow perch, Pumpkinseed, Bluegill, Yellow Bullhead, Brown Bullhead, Landlocked Alewife, and Rainbow Smelt. Trout are stocked annually by MassWildlife in the spring and fall and by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management in spring.

Fishing

Wallum Lake maintains a layer of cold oxygenated water throughout the warm summer months which enables trout to holdover for multiple seasons. While the majority of anglers will be fishing for recently stocked fish, large (5+pound) fish are occasionally encountered. Smallmouth bass can be found in abundance throughout the rocky and boulder strewn shores and are a popular game fish. Largemouth Bass are less common but typically can be caught within some of the small coves along the shores and in the shallower waters within the southern basin. Wallum Lake has produced Yellow Perch, Sunfish, Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, and Tiger Trout that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Freshwater Sportfishing Awards Program.

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