

# **Heart Pond, Chelmsford**

#### **General Information**

Heart Pond is a 93-acre Great Pond located a quarter mile southwest of South Chelmsford Center. It has an average depth of 8 feet, and a maximum depth of 22 feet. The shoreline is moderately developed with homes.

#### **Recreational Access**

Public access is through a town-managed gravel ramp located next to the town beach off of Parkerville Road in the northwest corner of the pond (71°22'52.58"W 42°34'6.01"N) with parking for about 10 cars and trailers. There is no fee for launching or parking. Please contact the town of Chlemsford for additional information, and/or restrictions, pertaining to public access of Heart Pond.

## **Fish Populations**

The following fish species were found during MassWildlife surveys: Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Yellow Perch, White Perch, Black Crappie, Brown Bullhead, and American Eel.

#### **Fishing**

Heart Pond hosts abundant bass, pickerel and panfish populations. Summer fishing — at least during the day — is virtually impossible due to the popularity of this pond with water skiers and other speedy recreational users. Ice fishermen bag trophy Chain Pickerel relatively frequently, and also report good catches of perch and bass. While big bass are uncommon, on rare occasions this pond has given up trophies weighing up to nine pounds. Most of these have been taken by late night summer anglers and a few by ice fishermen.

Heart Pond has produced Largemouth Bass and Chain Pickerel that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Freshwater Sportfishing Awards Program.

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