



MANCHAUG POND

SUTTON-DOUGLAS

AREA = 360 ACRES

NOT FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

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General Information:

Manchaug Pond is a 344 acre improved great pond located on the Sutton-Douglas line. It averages 13 feet deep with a maximum depth of 30 feet. Boat access is provided by a large, paved public access ramp on the southeastern end of the pond off Torrey Road. There is ample parking for up to 50 vehicles. Shore fishing access is extremely limited due to the many seasonal and permanent homes along virtually the entire shoreline. There are several islands and rock piles, and boaters should be particularly careful when leaving the cove the ramp is on, as the passage to the main body is narrow and bordered by a submerged stone wall.

The water is somewhat dark, but visibility generally extends to at least 6 feet or more. Aquatic vegetation is relatively sparse, but there are some big patches along the western shoreline, around the islands and in the coves. Recreational use is very high during the late spring and summer, with numerous power, sail and ski boats.

Fish Populations:

The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife last conducted a study of the pond's overall fish population during 1978. Ten species were collected at that time, and another has since been added. Gamefish present include largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and chain pickerel. Yellow perch, white perch, black crappie, bluegill, pumpkinseed, brown bullhead and golden shiners comprise the pan and baitfish. The pond has also been stocked with northern pike, the last stocking occurring in 1989.

Fishing:

Bass fishing is only fair at Manchaug, with the largemouths predominating. Fishing pressure is intense, and bass over a pound or two are decidedly scarce. This is a good pond to fish for bass in early spring, before the recreational boat traffic becomes distracting. Perch fishing is generally good, although average perch size is around 7-8 inches, with white perch predominating. The bluegills are very good, with plenty of fish 8 inches or better. Pickerel are scarce, but lunkers are regularly taken through the ice. While pike are no longer stocked here, the possibility of catching a very large example from the 1989 stocking will remain for some years to come.

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