

FROM: COMPILATION AND SUMMARIZATION
OF THE

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, SPECIAL LAWS,
PERTINENT COURT DECISIONS, ETC. RELATING TO
WATER AND WATER RIGHTS.

MASS. WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION
1970

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GREAT PONDS OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Definitely established as great ponds by surveys of the Department of Public Works or its predecessors, or by other information available.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY

NAME	CITY OR TOWN
**Hamblins or Hamblins Pond	Barnstable
**Long Pond (at Centerville)	Barnstable
*Long Pond (at Newton)	Barnstable
**Lovells Pond	Barnstable
**Middle Pond	Barnstable
**Mystic Lake	Barnstable
Shallow Pond	Barnstable
**Shubael Pond	Barnstable
Wequaquet Lake	Barnstable
*Flax Pond	Bourne
**Queen Sewell or Bumps Pond	Bourne
Long Pond	Brewster and Harwich
**Cliff Pond	Brewster
**Flax Pond	Brewster
Griffiths Pond (or Snows Pond)	Brewster
**Long or Little Cliff Pond (East of Cliff Pond)	Brewster
**Higgins Pond (East of Long or Little Cliff Pond)	Brewster
**Lower Mill Pond	Brewster
**Middle Mill Pond	Brewster
**Pine Pond	Brewster
**Sam Hall or Canoe Pond	Brewster
**Sheep Pond	Brewster
**Slough Pond	Brewster
**Upper Mill or Walkers Pond	Brewster
*Goose Pond	Chatham
Schoolhouse Pond	Chatham
**White Pond	Chatham
*Scargo Lake	Dennis
**Ashumet Pond	Falmouth & Mashpee
**Coonamesset Pond	Falmouth & Mashpee
**Crooked Pond	Falmouth & Mashpee
**Deep Pond	Falmouth & Mashpee
**Jenkins Pond	Falmouth & Mashpee
**Long Pond	Falmouth & Mashpee
**Mares Pond	Falmouth & Mashpee
**Round Pond (East of Jenkins Pond)	Falmouth & Mashpee
**Shallow Pond	Falmouth & Mashpee
**Spectacle Pond	Falmouth & Mashpee
Shivericks Pond	Falmouth
Siders Pond	Falmouth
**Pleasant Pond or Hinkleys Pond	Harwich

* Added 1962

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NAME	CITY OR TOWN
**Musquashiat Pond	Scituate
**Blackmore Pond	Wareham
White Island Pond	Wareham & Plymouth
See Long Pond listed in Bristol County	

SUFFOLK COUNTY

Jamaica Pond	Boston
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WORCESTER COUNTY

*Wards Pond	Ashburnham
**Quaboag or Podunk Pond	Brookfield - E. Brookfield
**Quacumquasit or South Pond	Brookfield - E. Brookfield and Sturbridge
**Little Pond	Bolton
**West Pond	Bolton
Gore Pond	Charleton - Dudley
**Clam Shell Pond	Clinton
**Manchaug Lake	Douglas - Sutton
**Kendall Pond	Gardner
**Flints Pond	Grafton - Shrewsbury & Worcester
Hardwick Pond or Muddy Pond	Hardwick
Bare Hill Lake	Harvard
**Lake Quinapoxet	Holden - Princeton
Fort Pond	Lancaster
**Spectacle Pond	Lancaster
**White Pond	Lancaster
**Whalom Lake or Pond	Leominster - Lunenburg
Nipmuc Pond	Mendon
*Ramshorn Pond	Millbury
Dorothy Pond	Millbury
**Long Pond	Rutland
Turkey Hill Pond	Rutland & Paxton
Singletary Pond	Millbury & Sutton
**Quinsigamond Lake	Shrewsbury & Worcester
**Alum. Pond, (Big)	Sturbridge
**Long Pond	Sturbridge
**Lead Mine Pond	Sturbridge
Walker Pond	Sturbridge
See North Pond listed in Middlesex County	Milford - Hopkinton

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North Pond (aka Lake Maspenock) - 1978/1983 Guide (240 acres) (*Hopkinton & Milford) (enlarged great pond, surveyed by DEQE; no formal public access; dam and flowage rights controlled by Draper Corp. dam #3-14-185-3; BL drainage); House No. 1300 (Milford - 8 acres; Hopkinton - 226 acres) (drains into Blackstone River; 12 ft. draft controlled by mills on Mill River); *PALIS #51112 (260 acres) (DEP)

Also: Milford Reservoir - Milford/Hopkinton; owned by Milford Water Co., 66 Diller Street, 473-5110. The purchase was made in 1882, and the reservoir was built in 1893. In 1911, the dam was raised to its current height.

Millbury:

Dorothy Pond - 1978/1983 Guide (145 acres) (enlarged natural great pond, identified by DEQE; no formal public access; flowage rights with Buck Mill Co. of Millbury; dam #3-14-186-8; Blackstone River drainage); 1970 DPW report; House No. 1300 (75 acres) (raised natural pond; 9 ft. draft controlled by Bucks Brothers; drains into Blackstone River); PALIS #51039 (148 acres) (DEP)

Lower Mill Pond - House No. 1300 (12 acres) (drains into Blackstone River)

Pond northwest of Village - House No. 1300 (42 acres) (drains into Blackstone River)

Ramshorn Pond - 1978/1983 Guide (130 acres) (enlarged natural great pond; no public access to these public waters; dam owned by Mass. Electric Co. of Westborough; dam #3-14-186-21; Blackstone River drainage); 1970 DPW report; House No. 1300 (Millbury - 61 acres; Sutton - 35 acres) (12 ft. draft; drains into Blackstone River); *PALIS #51126 (117 acres) (DEP)

Singletary Pond - 1978/1983 Guide (330 acres) (enlarged natural great pond; public access for boating by Public Access Board; dam and flowage owned by Singletary Corp. of Millbury; dam #3-14-186-16; Blackstone River drainage); 1970 DPW report; House No. 1300 (Millbury - 80 acres; Sutton - 276 acres) (7 ft. draft controlled by mills on Singletary Brook; drains into Blackstone River); *PALIS #51152 (330 acres) (DEP)

Millis:

Bogastow Pond - House No. 1300 (14 acres) (drains into Charles River); PALIS #72007 (19 acres)

South End Pond - 1978/1983 Guide (30 acres) (natural great pond, surveyed by DEQE; formal public access obtained but not developed by Norfolk County; Charles River drainage); 1970 DPW report; PALIS #72109 (30 acres); Chap. 309 of 1952, Right of way to pond, (Laid out as provided in Ch. 91 sec.18A, per 1970 DPW report)

Millville:

Pond in East Village - House No. 1300 (14 acres) (drains into Blackstone River)

HOUSE No. 1300

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION DIRECTED TO STUDY THE USE OF CERTAIN LANDS AND WATERS IN THE COMMONWEALTH FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

DECEMBER 6, 1933.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of Massachusetts in General Court assembled.

The Commissioner of Conservation, the Commissioner of Public Health and the chairman of the Metropolitan District Commission, acting jointly, have investigated and studied the matter of the use of certain lands and waters in the Commonwealth for recreational purposes as authorized and directed under chapter 10 of the Resolves of 1933, and submit the following report:

Chapter 10 of the Resolves of 1933 reads as follows:

Resolved, That a special commission, to consist of the commissioner of conservation, the commissioner of public health and the chairman of the metropolitan district commission, shall make an investigation and study of the lands and waters which are under the control of the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, including those within the watersheds of the sources of water supply of the metropolitan water district, with a view to determining whether or not any of such lands or waters may be used for the purpose of providing the citizens of the commonwealth with further facilities for boating, bathing, fishing and other recreational activities. Any such officer, if he so elects, may designate an officer or employee in his department who shall serve in his place on said commission. Said commission shall hold hearings and may call upon other state officers and officers of the several counties and municipalities for such information as may

Location	Area (Acres)	Number of Ponds	Value	Notes
Lanesburg		38		
Lanesburg		388	15.30	
Lanesburg				18-foot draft controlled by Association of Mills.
Mendon		10		
Mendon		60	.80	
Mendon		11		
Mendon		14		
Millford		93	10.60	
Millford, 10 acres; Upton, 10 acres		20		
Millford, 8 acres; Hopkinton, 224 acres (Middlesex County)		8	3.10	12-foot draft controlled by mills on Mill River.
Millbury		75	4.50	9-foot draft controlled by Truck Brothers.
Millbury		12		
Millbury, 61 acres; Sutton, 35 acres		42		
Millbury, 80 acres; Sutton, 276 acres		90	2.30	
Millville		358	4.20	12-foot draft.
New Braintree, 8 acres; North Brookfield, 183 acres; Oakham, 9 acres.		14		7-foot draft controlled by mills on Singletary Brook.
New Braintree		200	14.20	
		80		7-foot draft.

* Licenses have been granted by the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands or its predecessors.
 † Raised natural pond.

‡ Artificial pond.
 § Surveyed.
 ¶ Area taken from large scale plans or reliable local sources.



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Massachusetts Great Ponds List

Any project located in, on, over or under the water of a great pond is within the jurisdiction of Chapter 91. A great pond is defined as any pond or lake that contained more than 10 acres in its natural state. Ponds that once measured 10 or more acres in their natural state, but which are now smaller, are still considered great ponds.

This is a county-by-county listing of great ponds in Massachusetts, according to a 1996 Waterways Program Study. This listing was last revised May 2010.
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Index by county

Within county, great ponds are listed by town name. You can also see the map below to locate your county.

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- Middlesex County
- Nantucket County
- Norfolk County
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- Worcester County

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Holden:

Quinapoxet Pond (*Princeton*)

Hubbardston:

Asnacomet/Comet Pond
Moosehorn Pond

Lancaster:

Fort Pond
Little Spectacle Pond
Spectacle Pond [*Added in 2006*]
Turner Pond
White Pond (*Leominster*)

Leicester:

Henshaw Pond

Leominster:

Rocky Pond
Whalom Pond (*Lunenburg*)
White Pond (*Lancaster*)

Lunenburg:

Massapoag Pond
Whalom Pond (*Leominster*) [*Added to Lunenburg 2006*]

Mendon:

Nipmuck Pond

Milford:

Beaver Pond (*Bellingham*)
North Pond (*Hopkinton*)

Millbury:

Dorothy Pond
Ramshorn Pond (*Sutton*)
Singletary Pond (*Sutton*)

Northborough:

Little Chauncy Pond
Soloman Pond

Oakham:

Browning Pond
Muddy Pond

Oxford:

Carbuncle Pond

Paxton:

Asnebumskit Pond
Turkey Hill Pond (*Rutland*)

Phillipston:

Queen Lake

Princeton:

Quinapoxet Pond (*Holden*)
Wachusett Lake (*Westminster*)

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4. Grafton
 Flint Pond #3-14-110-8 (BL-63) 250 Acres
 Formal public access for boating has been developed by the Massachusetts Public Access Board for this enlarged natural great pond, identified by the Division of Waterways (DEQE). The Flint Pond dam is also the control structure for Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester.
- Hovey Pond #3-14-110-7 (BL-63) 20 Acres
 Flowage is with the Massachusetts Division of Waterways (DEQE) on this artificial public pond. Informal public access is available across adjacent state land. The pond is presently used for recreational fishing.
- Lake Ripple #3-14-110-5 (BL-63) 70 Acres
 No formal public access is available to this municipally-owned artificial pond. The dam is owned by the town of Grafton, Conservation Commission.
- Silver Lake #3-14-110-12 (BL-66) 25 Acres
 This is an artificial, municipally-owned pond. Flowage is with the town of Grafton. Informal public access is available from State Highway #140. The pond is used for recreation.
5. Hopedale
 No lakes, ponds or reservoirs that meet the criteria.
6. Mendon
 Hipnuck Pond (BL-66) 85 Acres
 This is a natural great pond, identified by the Massachusetts Division of Waterways (DEQE), for which no public access has been obtained.
7. Millbury
 Dorothy Pond #3-14-186-8 (BL-62) 145 Acres
 Flowage rights are with Buck Mill Company of Millbury on this enlarged natural great pond, identified by the Massachusetts Division of Waterways (DEQE). No formal public access has been provided.
- Ramshorn Pond #3-14-186-21 (BL-61) 130 Acres
 This dam is owned by Massachusetts Electric Company of Westborough on this enlarged natural great pond. There is no public access to these public waters.
7. Millbury (continued)
 Singletary Pond #3-14-186-16 (BL-62) 330 Acres
 Public access for boating has been developed by the Massachusetts Public Access Board to the public waters of this enlarged natural great pond. The dam and flowage are owned by Singletary Corporation of Millbury.
8. Hillville
 No lakes, ponds or reservoirs that meet the criteria.
9. Northbridge
 Ellis Pond (BL-65) 4 Acres
 This small natural pond is within the Upton State Forest. Informal access to these public waters can be gained across this state land.
10. Sutton
 Adams Pond #3-14-290-09.1 (BL-62) 20 Acres
 This artificial pond is owned by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Flowage is with the Division. It is part of the Stockwell Ponds system. Informal access can be gained across the state land. Fishing is permitted.
- Arnold Pond #3-14-290-09.2 (BL-62) 15 Acres
 This artificial pond is owned by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, and is part of the Stockwell Ponds system. Water rights are owned by the Division. Informal access to the waters can be gained across the state land. Fishing is permitted.
- Manchaug Pond #3-14-290-4 (BL-65) 310 Acres
 Formal public access to the waters of this enlarged natural great pond has been obtained by the Massachusetts Public Access Board. A boat ramp has been developed. Flowage rights are with the Manchaug Reservoir Corporation. The pond has been surveyed by the Massachusetts Division of Waterways (DEQE).
- Putnam Pond #3-14-290-8 (BL-62) 30 Acres
 A part of the Stockwell Ponds system, this artificial pond is owned by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. This Division also owns the water rights. Informal public access can be gained to the pond across the state land. Fishing is permitted.

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