



RICHMOND POND
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NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

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(Richmond / Pittsfield)

General Information:

This 218 acre raised great pond has a maximum depth of 53 feet and an average depth of 18 feet. Transparency is very good, extending to 13 feet. The bottom is composed of silt and clay and supports abundant aquatic vegetation, which extends outward from most of the shoreline areas to depths of 6 or 8 feet. The shoreline is heavily developed with approximately 100 seasonal and year round dwellings and two summer campgrounds.

The Public Access Board owns a concrete boat ramp on the western shore, immediately north of the large cove. It is suitable for car top and shallow draft trailer boats, and the parking lot can hold up to 30 vehicles. There is also an informal county access on the southwestern shore.

Fish Populations:

A survey conducted in 1978 found 11 species present: yellow perch, chain pickerel, largemouth bass, golden shiner, pumpkinseed, rock bass, brown bullhead, black crappie, bluegill, white sucker and bridled shiner. The pond is stocked with trout every spring.

Fishing:

The main draw for anglers at this pond is the excellent trout fishing which is produced by the MDFW through annual plants of catchable trout every spring. Rainbows are the bread and butter of this fishery, but brown trout and even brookies are sometimes stocked as well. Trout can survive here throughout the year, with some individuals attaining weights of 5 or more pounds. In general, however, most trout are caught within a month or two of their release. Trolling for them with small spinners, tiny spoons or streamers seem to be the most effective technique here.

Most of the other fish present are unimportant to the fishery. The chain pickerel and yellow perch provide some ice fishing action, but the pickerel aren't large and the perch are not very plentiful. The largemouth bass, pumpkinseed, bluegill and black crappie are present in such low numbers they are incapable of supporting a fishery.

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