



MassWildlife Lands User Guide

Black Brook Wildlife Management Area

Town: Middleborough

Acreage: 411

Wildlife Management Zone: 11

Description of property:

This property consists of mixed upland forest and red maple swamp in the Town of Middleborough. Common vegetation on the property include white pine, red oak, eastern hemlock, American holly, red maple, sweet pepperbush, and common greenbrier, with a wide variety of upland and wetland herbaceous plants and grasses.

Location/Access/Parking:

The WMA is accessible via roadside parking along the marked frontage on the south side of Miller Street between Highland and Old Miller Streets, however, safe parking along this roadway is very limited. There are a few old woods roads and trails located on the property resulting from historic timber harvesting operations that visitors can use to walk into the WMA.

Hunting Opportunities:

Black Brook WMA provides good hunting opportunities for White-tailed Deer, Wild Turkey, and Eastern Coyote. Trapping opportunities are numerous for most furbearers.

Fishing Opportunities:

Black Brook and Millers Neck Brook flow through the WMA and provide some warmwater fishing opportunities. Access, both by foot and by canoe or kayak, may be challenging due to vegetation along and within the streams.

Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

The area supports a large variety of wildlife. An alluvial red maple swamp, an uncommon type of natural community, runs alongside Black Brook. Gypsywort, an Endangered plant listed under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act, grows in several spots along the brook as well. Eastern Box Turtles, listed as Species of Special Concern, can be found in the upland portions of the WMA. Almost all of the WMA is included in BioMap2, the state's comprehensive biodiversity conservation plan, because of the rare species and natural communities, the extensive wetlands, and the unfragmented landscape.

Special WMA Regulations:

None.

Useful Links

[WMA Regulations](#)

[Habitat Program](#)

[Hunting & Fishing](#)

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