



# MassWildlife Lands User Guide

## Sunderland Islands Wildlife Management Area

**Towns:** Sunderland

**Acreage:** 15

**Wildlife Management Zone:** 5

### Description of property:

These two Connecticut River islands consist of riparian forests predominantly of silver maple. Annual flooding enriches the soils of these islands resulting in a diversity of plants and insects.

### Location/Access/Parking

The property can only be accessed by watercraft from the Connecticut River. There is cartop boating access under the Sunderland bridge on the east side of the river. Cars can be parked at the town offices on School Street as vehicles left at the launch will be towed. Please report camper to the Valley District at 413-323-7632, as this is an illegal activity. Day use is allowed.

### Habitat Management

Currently no active management is taking place but the property is reviewed annually for habitat management projects.

### Hunting Opportunities

Opportunities for trapping aquatic furbearers exist. Otherwise, hunting opportunities are limited.

### Fishing Opportunities:

The Connecticut River provides fishing opportunities for a variety of species, such as Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, Black Crappie, Bowfin, Channel Catfish, Yellow Perch, and White Perch.

### Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

This part of the river offers great kayaking opportunities. Wildlife such as River Otters, Bald Eagles, herons and waterfowl can be observed throughout the summer and fall. Rare plants and dragonflies adapted to life in and near big rivers can also be found on these islands.

### Special WMA Regulations:

None

### Useful Links

[WMA Regulations](#)

[Habitat Program](#)

[Hunting & Fishing](#)

### Fishing/Hunting Licenses

[Mass.gov/MassFishHunt](https://www.mass.gov/MassFishHunt)

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All outdoor users are encouraged to wear blaze orange during hunting seasons.

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