



MassWildlife Lands User Guide

Leyden Wildlife Management Area

Town: Leyden

Acreage: 759

Wildlife Management Zone: 4N

Description of property:

This property covers the hills surrounding Ball Mountain. You'll find mature upland forest of transitional hardwoods (oak, sugar maple, birch) mixed with white pine and eastern hemlock. Interspersed within the property are over 120 acres of open habitats including old field habitat, shrubland, and ridgetop heaths. Many of these open areas contain apple trees and blueberry barrens maintained for wildlife. East Glenn Brook flows through the western portion of the WMA.

Location/Access/Parking:

The WMA can be accessed from Eden Trail Road on the east, East Glenn Road on the west, and from Oak Hill Road on the south. There is a gravel parking area that can accommodate 4 cars on the north part of the WMA off of East Glenn Road.

Habitat Management:

Habitat management activities continually occur on this WMA to maintain the open areas and shrublands. In 2010 there was significant clearing on the north end of the WMA to enhance old field habitat and to create thickets of shrubland. Old field areas are mowed on a 3 year interval to provide food and cover for both game and non-game species. Invasive plant control with herbicides has been utilized in both the north end and south end fields.

Hunting Opportunities:

Game animals found in this habitat include black bear, white-tailed deer, wild turkey, ruffed grouse, American woodcock, gray squirrel, cottontail rabbit, eastern coyote, fox, and raccoon. This WMA is stocked with ring-necked pheasants. For more information on pheasant stocking, go to Mass.gov/Pheasant.

Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

East Glenn Brook is a coldwater stream. The ridgetop heathland on the WMA, which is a natural low shrub plant community that forms on shallow bedrock provides spectacular views of the surrounding hillsides.

Special WMA Regulations:

During the pheasant season, a "hunter orange" hat is required for all hunters except while night hunting raccoons or opossums or while hunting waterfowl from within a blind or boat. No person shall hunt before sunrise or after sunset during the open season on pheasant, except for the hunting of raccoons or opossums between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m.

Useful Links

[WMA Regulations](#)

[Habitat Program](#)

[Hunting & Fishing](#)

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