

MassWildlife Lands User Guide Erwin S. Wilder Wildlife Management Area

Towns: Norton, Taunton

Acreage: 651

Wildlife Management Zone: 11

Description of property:

The forested upland areas of Erwin S. Wilder WMA consist mostly of oak, maple, and white pine. There are also several small red maple swamps surrounded by some open fields, and a wide band of marshland along the Snake River.

Location/Access/Parking:

Parking access is located on Toad Island Road and can accommodate up to 20 vehicles.

Hunting Opportunities:

This WMA provides great hunting opportunities for White-tailed Deer, Eastern Coyote, and Wild Turkey, all of which are abundant on the property. Multiple furbearer species are also present. The area is also stocked with Ring-necked Pheasants in the fall.

Fishing Opportunities:

The Snake River provides warmwater fishing opportunities for Chain Pickerel, Largemouth Bass, sunfish, and Yellow Perch. Winnecunnet Pond offers warmwater fishing for bullhead, Chain Pickerel, Largemouth Bass, White Perch, and Yellow Perch.

Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

This area contains a wide variety of habitats suitable for many different game species as well as non-game species such as songbirds, waterbirds, reptiles, and amphibians. There are some unimproved old roads for walking as well.

Special WMA Regulations:

During Pheasant season, a blaze orange hat must be worn by all hunters except while night-hunting Raccoon or Opossum 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 Raccoon or Opossum between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m.

Useful Links

WMA Regulations

Habitat Program

Hunting & Fishing

Fishing/Hunting Licenses

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