

DELANEY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

~~(Bolton/Stow/Boxboro/Harvard)~~

- GENERAL: 560 acres of pond, marsh and gently sloping upland forest varying only about 50 feet in elevation.
U.S.G.S. Quad: Hudson
- VEGETATION: The upland areas were once open pasture, but while two large and two smaller fields have been maintained, the rest has been allowed to grow back to predominantly mature pine. The marshy areas around the ponds are dominated by buttonbush, smartweed and cattails.
- WATER: Reflecting its status as part of a SUASCO small watershed control project, the area has three water control structures: a large dam that impounds a 103-acre pond; a second dam that maintains a marshy area with little standing water on Great Brook; and a third dam that allows the management of roughly 60 acres of marsh along Assabet Brook. The brook is stocked with trout about 600 yards below the main dam. The main pond, which is quite shallow and contains many stumps just below water level, supports a warm-water fishery for bass, pickerel and panfish.
- WILDLIFE: Aquatic furbearers, raccoon, red and gray squirrel, woodcock, waterfowl and numerous nongame species. Limited numbers of grouse, deer and cottontail rabbit are also present. Ospreys are frequently sighted hunting fish in late summer and fall. This area is not stocked with pheasant.
- SPECIAL
REGULATIONS: A controlled waterfowl hunt is conducted on this area during the first four days of the season, and hunting is allowed only from MDFW-constructed blinds. Hunters are selected by a lottery system for the controlled hunt, but after the first four days the blinds are open on a "first come" basis.