



## MassWildlife Lands User Guide

# Fairfield Brook Wildlife Management Area

**Town:** Richmond

**Acreage:** 165

**Wildlife Management Zone:** 3

### Description of property:

Fairfield Brook WMA contains a variety of habitats from abandoned agricultural fields, shallow marshes with a wooded swamp, mixed woods, and a stand of hardwoods.

### Location/Access/Parking:

Parking is informal with room for 1 or 2 cars at a bar-way off East Road as well as on a cart path off of Swamp Road near March Hare Road. Driving into the field is prohibited.

### Habitat Management:

The field along Swamp Road is cut annually to maintain habitat for ground-nesting bird species.

### Hunting Opportunities:

White-tailed deer, wild turkey, gray squirrel, and black bear all frequent this property as the presence of oak trees and old apple trees provide them with excellent sources of food.

### Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

Savannah sparrows, bobolinks, and eastern meadowlarks regularly nest in the abandoned hayfields while nest boxes provide opportunities to view eastern bluebirds and other cavity-nesting species. Dense vegetation along Fairfield Brook provides ideal nesting habitat for marsh wrens and a variety of other bird species.

The rich, calcareous bedrock under the wetlands has resulted in the establishment of several uncommon types of natural communities on this WMA: calcareous seepage marsh; red maple-black ash-tamarack calcareous seepage swamp; and calcareous sloping fen. These natural communities support uncommon plants.

### Special WMA Regulations:

None.

### Useful Links

[WMA Regulations](#)

[Habitat Program](#)

[Hunting & Fishing](#)

### Fishing/Hunting Licenses

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

### Learn more

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

### Connect with us

[Facebook.com/MassWildlife](https://www.facebook.com/MassWildlife)

### Get Your Orange On!

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

### Your local

#### MassWildlife office

88 Old Windsor Road  
Dalton, MA 01226  
(413) 684-1646