

# MassWildlife Lands User Guide

## Three Mile Pond Wildlife Management Area

**Towns:** Great Barrington, Sheffield

**Acreage:** 1,142

**Wildlife Management Zone:** 3

### Description of property:

This property contains a variety of habitats at the center of which is the 165-acre Three Mile Pond. North of the pond is an extensive beaver impounded marsh. The portions north and west of Brush Hill Road are completely forested and primarily comprised of northern hardwoods and dominated by mature red oak and sugar maple. South of the pond are mixed-age northern hardwoods and old-field white pines. Along Cross Road and Brush Hill Road are remnant agricultural fields which are now a mix of shrubland and grassland habitats.

### Location/Access/Parking:

The WMA is located in the northeast corner of Sheffield. Primary access is from three small grass parking lots located on the south side of Cross Road, the east side of Home Road, and on the west side of Brush Hill Road. Off of Brush Hill Road, across from the parking lot, there is an informal car-top boat access to Three Mile Pond.

### Habitat Management:

Two fields adjacent to Cross Road are currently managed as late, single-cut operation hay fields to maintain open field habitat for nesting birds and other wildlife. Other small open areas around the WMA are mowed periodically to maintain grassland and shrubland habitats. The open areas near the northwest corner of the pond are annually strip mowed for Ring-necked Pheasant cover.

### Hunting Opportunities:

This WMA contains a variety of good hunting opportunities. The wetland complex at the northern end of the pond is good for waterfowl hunting. Ring-necked Pheasants are stocked in the areas accessed from Brush Hill Road. Wild Turkey, White-tailed Deer, and Black Bear can be found throughout the WMA.

### Fishing Opportunities:

Aquatic vegetation and submerged stumps and trees are prevalent in Three Mile Pond, providing warmwater fishing opportunities for Chain Pickerel, Yellow Perch, sunfish, Brown Bullhead, and Largemouth Bass. Three Mile Pond is known for its bass fishing. Ironworks Brook, the outflow of Three Mile Pond, is a coldwater fishery resource which provides limited fishing opportunities for reproducing Brown Trout.

### Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

Threemile Pond is an uncommon type of pond for Massachusetts, because it has mineral-rich, calcareous bedrock.

### Special WMA Regulations:

A "hunter orange" hat is required for all hunters during the pheasant season, and hunting hours are sunrise to sunset unless night hunting for raccoons or opossums.



### Useful Links:

[WMA Regulations](#)

[Habitat Program](#)

[Hunting & Fishing](#)

### Fishing/Hunting Licenses:

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