



# MassWildlife Lands User Guide

## Phillipston Wildlife Management Area

**Towns:** Barre, Hubbardston, Petersham, Phillipston

**Acreage:** 3,388

**Wildlife Management Zone:** 5

### Description of property:

This property consists of hardwood ridges, hemlock stands, mountain laurel stands, wooded swamps, blueberry swamps, abandoned apple orchards, and a phone line right of way passing through the property.

### Location/Access/Parking

Parking for this area is located at several different locations; East Street for 3 vehicles, Glasheen Road for 1 vehicle, Queen Lake Road (Route 101) for 8 vehicles, Williamsville Road for 2 vehicles, and Narrow Lane with a seasonal access depending on road conditions for 5 vehicles.

### Habitat Management

There have been recent forestry practices on the north end of the property and active agriculture on open field portions. The district has been releasing apple trees on a semi-annual basis in the old orchards.

### Hunting Opportunities

Hardwood ridges and apple orchards are attractive for White-tailed Deer, Wild Turkey, and Gray Squirrel providing hunting opportunities for these species. The open fields and apple orchards provide for predator hunting and upland game hunting opportunities. The fields are also stocked with Ring-necked Pheasants during the open pheasant season.

### Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

Moose may be seen in the recently cut forested areas of the WMA as new growth provides for an excellent food source and also the wetland areas located within the WMA. There are three large Red Spruce Swamps on this WMA. Red Spruce Swamps are a Priority Natural Community.

### 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 9pm and 3am.

### Useful Links

[WMA Regulations](#)

[Habitat Program](#)

[Hunting & Fishing](#)

### Fishing/Hunting Licenses

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

### Learn more

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### Get Your Orange On!

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

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