



MassWildlife Lands User Guide

Ashfield Hawley Wildlife Management Area

Towns: Ashfield, Hawley

Acreage: 284

Wildlife Management Zone: 2

Description of property:

The Ashfield Hawley WMA features coniferous forested wetlands with the outer edges of the property lined with northern hardwoods. The headwaters of the Swift River flow through the center of this WMA and there are a few small beaver impoundments along the river. The property is bordered by agricultural fields on the northeast side and contains thick undergrowth in areas, making it challenging to walk through parts of this property.

Location/Access/Parking:

A dirt parking lot for 3 vehicles is located on the western side on Plainfield Road in Hawley. A second dirt parking lot for 2 vehicles is located off of Old Stage Road in Ashfield. Access can be acquired from these 2 parking lots or by crossing over Plainfield Road from Kenneth Dubuque Memorial Forest which is west of this WMA.

Hunting Opportunities:

The WMA is excellent black bear and white-tailed deer habitat with extensive cover and food sources. Ruffed grouse and American woodcock also thrive in the forested wetlands.

Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

Moose have been occasionally observed at this property.

Special WMA Regulations:

None.

Useful Links

[WMA Regulations](#)

[Habitat Program](#)

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