



MassWildlife Lands User Guide

Popple Camp Wildlife Management Area

Towns: Petersham, Phillipston

Acreage: 1,052

Wildlife Management Zone: 5

Description of property:

This property consists of old apple orchards, reclaimed fields, agriculture fields, hardwood stands, hemlock stands, and marshland river edges. The East Branch of the Swift River flows through the property.

Location/Access/Parking

Parking for access to this area is located off of Petersham Road (Route 101) and can accommodate 5 vehicles.

Habitat Management

This WMA has active agriculture on the fields and annual mowing of fields. The property is also managed for open space.

Hunting Opportunities

Hardwood ridges provide hunting opportunities for White-tailed Deer, Wild Turkey, and Gray Squirrel. Waterfowl hunting opportunities exist in river/marsh areas with American Woodcock hunting opportunities along river brush lands. This WMA is stocked with pheasants in the fielded section during the open pheasant season.

Fishing Opportunities:

The East Branch of the Swift River is stocked with trout annually with an informal canoe access off of Petersham Road (Route 101). The East Branch of the Swift River provides fishing opportunities for stocked trout species. Go to [Mass.gov/Trout](https://www.mass.gov/trout) for more information.

Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

Waterfowl and aquatic mammals may be viewed along the East Branch of the Swift River. Uncommon marsh birds are sometimes seen in the wetlands along the East Branch of the Swift River.

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

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