



MassWildlife Lands User Guide

Poutwater Pond Wildlife Management Area

Towns: Holden, West Boylston

Acreage: 392

Wildlife Management Zone: 9

Description of property:

Poutwater Pond WMA consists of 2 parcels. The southern parcel is bordered by Trout Brook Conservation Area to the west and open space to the east. The property features mixed hardwood and conifer forests, with a thick shrub swamp located on the northern end of the property.

Location/Access/Parking:

An unmaintained parking area for 5 vehicles is located on Mason Road in Holden just before the road becomes Coal Kiln Road in Princeton. Roadside pull-offs, which provide access to the larger southern parcel of the property, are located on North Street and Sterling Road in Holden.

Hunting Opportunities:

The mixed hardwood cover provides good habitat for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, gray squirrel, cottontail rabbit, and upland furbearers like eastern coyote, red fox, and fisher. The shrub swamp provides habitat for waterfowl, as well as raccoons, bobcat, and gray fox.

Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

The wetland area of this WMA provides outdoor enthusiasts with opportunities to observe water birds, song birds, and aquatic furbearers like beaver. From the northern parcel, you can access the isolated Poutwater Pond by way of a metal-grid boardwalk through the peat bog.

Special WMA Regulations:

None.

Useful Links

[WMA Regulations](#)

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