

## **WEST HILL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

(Upton/Northbridge/Mendon/Uxbridge)

## **E. K. SWIFT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

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**SIZE:** The West Hill **WMA** encompasses 1,460 acres and is leased from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Most of the area is the nearly level floodplain of the West River, although there are some moderate slopes in the southwestern and northern sections. The E. K. Swift WMA, consisting of two parcels on either side of the West Hill W.M.A., is owned by the MDFW, totals 257 acres, and varies from nearly flat ground to moderately steep slopes.  
U.S.G.S. Quad: Uxbridge

**VEGETATION:** Both areas are dominated by mixed hardwood and conifer forest, but the West Hill **WMA** also contains a few agricultural and brushy fields, as well as a significant amount of marsh vegetation.

**WATER:** The West Hill **WMA** contains portions of Taft Pond Brook and the West River. The West River is stocked with trout.

**WILDLIFE:** Stocked pheasant, grouse, woodcock, cottontail rabbit, aquatic fur-bearers, deer, gray squirrel, waterfowl and numerous nongame species.

### **SPECIAL**

**REGULATIONS:** Note that a "hunter orange" hat is required wear for hunters on both of these areas during the pheasant season.