

CRANE POND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Groveland/Georgetown/Newbury/West Newbury)

- GENERAL:** Multiple parcels totaling 2,123 acres of low, rolling hills and marshland varying roughly 120 feet in elevation.
U.S.G.S. Quads: Newburyport, Haverhill, Lawrence, Ipswich
- VEGETATION:** The hills were once cleared and used for pasture, but the fields were abandoned approximately 60 years ago, and young pines and mixed hardwoods have since reclaimed the habitat. A series of openings have been made and maintained, however, by forestry operations. A high-tension line also provides open cover and easy access. Buttonbush, leatherleaf and alder dominate marshy areas around the pond.
- WATER:** The Parker River, a stocked trout water, flows through the southern portion of the area, and there are two small, warm water ponds along the river. Both ponds contain pickerel, largemouth bass and panfish. There are also two warm water streams, Knobble Squid Brook and Beaver Brook, on the area, but they are not stocked.
- WILDLIFE:** Pheasants are stocked every day but Sunday throughout the season. Native species include ruffed grouse, waterfowl, snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, gray squirrel, woodcock, deer, aquatic furbearers and numerous nongame species.
- SPECIAL REGULATIONS:** Note that this area is divided into five parts by roads and that parking is provided at well-spaced lots along these roads. Also note that a "hunter orange" hat is required wear for hunters during the pheasant season.