



# MassWildlife Lands User Guide

## Freetown Swamp Wildlife Management Area

**Town:** Freetown

**Acreage:** 571

**Wildlife Management Zone:** 11

### Description of property:

Freetown Swamp WMA consists of shrub swamp, Atlantic white cedar swamp, and cranberry bog reservoirs, with small areas of mixed upland forest. Common vegetation on the WMA includes red maple, sweet pepperbush, highbush blueberry, leatherleaf, swamp azalea, sphagnum moss, and Atlantic white cedar, with uplands dominated by white pine, red oak, and common greenbrier. Cotton grass, sundew, and other bog plant species are also present.

### Location/Access/Parking:

The WMA is currently accessible only through Department of Conservation and Recreation property at the Freetown-Fall River State Forest along the eastern side of Slab Bridge Road, approximately 700 feet north of the entrance to the State Forest Headquarters (old campground) or just south of the entrance to Profile Rock. Numerous unofficial and unmarked foot paths lead from the State Forest into the WMA. There are no established walking paths on the majority of the WMA and, due to the swampy habitat; access within the WMA is limited. There is a gas pipeline that runs along the western edge of the WMA that provides an additional area for foot travel.

### Hunting Opportunities:

The WMA consists primarily of a very dense shrub and Atlantic white cedar swamp, which contains an impressive diversity of plant and animal species. Game species are abundant including White-tailed Deer, Wild Turkey, and Eastern Coyote. Hunting and trapping opportunities are likely very good for those individuals that take the time to walk into the WMA.

### Fishing Opportunities:

Fishing opportunities in the bog reservoir are limited due to the lack of access to the bogs and dikes.

### Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

This WMA contains one of the largest remaining shrub swamps in southeastern Massachusetts. The property and abutting private cranberry bogs were likely once part of a much larger Atlantic white cedar swamp. Within the remaining cedar and shrub swamp there are several very large boulders left behind by receding glaciers that can clearly be seen in aerial photos. Visitors might hear Whip-poor-wills – a state listed Special Concern species – from the uplands on the eastern side of the property.

### Special WMA Regulations:

None

### Useful Links

[WMA Regulations](#)

[Habitat Program](#)

[Hunting & Fishing](#)

### Fishing/Hunting Licenses

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