



# MassWildlife Lands User Guide

## Birch Hill Wildlife Management Area

**Towns:** Royalston, Templeton, Winchendon

**Acreage:** 2,601

**Wildlife Management Zone:** 5

### Description of property:

This property has a varied habitat consisting of mature hardwood ridges, upland habitat, mature conifer stands (hemlock and white pine), old apple orchards, and marsh/wetland complexes with low shrubby brushlands around their borders. Scott Brook and Priest Brook flow through this property.

### Location/Access/Parking:

Access to the property is gained from New Boston Road, Norcross Road, Winchendon Road, and Turnpike Road. Portions of this property are accessible seasonally and subject to weather conditions.

### Habitat Management:

Overgrown fields are periodically mowed on a rotational basis to maintain the grassland habitat.

### Hunting Opportunities:

This area supports a large variety of game animals and is a popular spot for upland bird hunters, White-tailed Deer hunters, and waterfowl hunters.

### Fishing Opportunities:

Priest Brook and Scott Brook provide fishing opportunities for stocked trout. These two brooks flow into the Millers River which is also stocked annually with trout. Go to [Mass.gov/Trout](https://www.mass.gov/trout) for more information. There is car-top boat access to both of these waterbodies.

### Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

This WMA is jointly managed with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Conservation and Recreation, contributing to over 7,000 acres of open space for wildlife habitat and recreation.

### Special WMA Regulations:

During pheasant season, a blaze orange hat must be worn by 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 9:00 P.M. and 3:00 A.M.

### Useful Links

[WMA Regulations](#)

[Habitat Program](#)

[Hunting & Fishing](#)

### Fishing/Hunting Licenses

[Mass.gov/MassFishHunt](https://www.mass.gov/massfishhunt)

### Learn more

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### Get Your Orange On!

All outdoor users are encouraged to wear blaze orange during hunting seasons.

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