



MassWildlife Lands User Guide

Hop Brook Wildlife Management Area

Towns: Lee, Tyringham

Acreage: 425

Wildlife Management Zone: 3

Description of property:

This property consists mostly of habitat that is seasonally flooded meadowland with attendant alder and willow shrub swamps. The northwestern portion of the area supports a seasonally flooded wooded swamp along the Housatonic River floodplain.

Location/Access/Parking:

Parking areas are located on Meadow Street and Fernside Road in Lee.

Habitat Management:

Fields off of Meadow Street are maintained for pheasant cover.

Hunting Opportunities:

Hop Brook WMA is a pheasant-stocked area. It is also excellent waterfowl habitat.

Fishing Opportunities:

Hop Brook provides fishing opportunities for native Brook Trout and reproducing Brown Trout in addition to stocked trout species. The Housatonic River provides fishing opportunities for species such as Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, Chain Pickerel, Carp, sunfish, and bullheads as well as native Brook Trout, reproducing Brown Trout and stocked trout species. Go to [Mass.gov/Trout](https://www.mass.gov/trout) for more information. However, please see special regulations.

Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

The marshes along Hop Brook support many uncommon wetland species, including marsh birds, butterflies, and sedges.

Special WMA Regulations:

During the pheasant season, a “hunter orange” hat is required for 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 9PM and 3AM. Anglers should note that, due to PCB contamination, a Public Health Advisory has been issued on the consumption of fish from this portion of the Housatonic River.

Useful Links

[WMA Regulations](#)

[Habitat Program](#)

[Hunting & Fishing](#)

Fishing/Hunting Licenses

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