

# MassWildlife Lands User Guide Oakham Wildlife Management Area

Towns: New Braintree, Oakham

Acreage: 742

Wildlife Management Zone: 8

# **Description of property:**

Oakham WMA features hardwood stands, old apple orchards, maintained fields, swamp land, and conifer stands.

## Location/Access/Parking:

An unmaintained dirt parking lot large enough for 10 vehicles is located off Lincoln Road in Oakham. Additional parking for 2 vehicles is available off Rutherford Road. Access can be acquired from these parking areas as well as from several other roads bordering this property.

### **Habitat Management:**

The fields on this property are mowed annually and some fields are in active agriculture through lease agreements with farmers.

### **Hunting Opportunities:**

Areas of upland hardwood forest present on this property support white-tailed deer, wild turkey, gray squirrel, and cottontail rabbit. Wolf Meadow, a large swamp located in the southwest corner of the WMA, offers excellent opportunities to hunt waterfowl and trap aquatic furbearers. This WMA is stocked with ring-necked pheasant. To learn more about pheasant stocking, visit Mass.gov/Pheasant.

### Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

Wolf Meadow provides great birding opportunities. Next boxes on the property are part of a long term study monitoring wood duck productivity. There are a number of black gum trees located on the WMA, which are some of the oldest trees in Massachusetts.

### **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 9 p.m. and 3 a.m.

#### **Useful Links**

**WMA Regulations** 

**Habitat Program** 

**Hunting & Fishing** 

#### **Fishing/Hunting Licenses**

Mass.gov/MassFishHunt

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