

MassWildlife Lands User Guide

Eugene D. Moran Wildlife Management Area

Towns: Windsor

Acreage: 2,447

Wildlife Management Zone: 2

Description of property:

This property is a mix of gentle to moderate slopes with some nearly level areas. The majority of the forested habitat is northern hardwood- spruce-fir upland forest. A mix of remnant agricultural fields along with wetlands and shrubland habitats can be found west of Route 8A. Portions of the fields are mowed annually for grassland management and pheasant cover. East of Route 8A, there is primarily upland with brush and shrublands along the slopes of Fobes Hill. The southeastern portion of the WMA contains a 90-acre open area currently managed as an active hay field. There are several small alder swamps and beaver ponds throughout the WMA, as well as a large marsh which contains many beaver impoundments that becomes the headwaters of Windsor Brook.

Location/Access/Parking:

This high-elevation property is wholly in the town of Windsor with numerous points of entry. The primary access is via two large paved parking lots on the east and west sides of Route 8A. The WMA can also be accessed from the south side of Cheshire Road where there is a small grass parking lot, or from the west side of North Street.

Habitat Management:

The fields along the former Bosma Road are maintained as grassland and pattern cut annually for pheasant cover. Active habitat management efforts on the east side of Route 8A, in cooperation with the Ruffed Grouse Society, have produced more than 60 acres of high quality shrubland and young forest habitat. The active hay field is managed as a late, single-cut operation to maintain open field habitat for nesting birds and other wildlife.

Hunting Opportunities:

This WMA is a prime destination for Ring-necked Pheasant hunting. Birds are stocked on both sides of Route 8A and can be found throughout the grass and shrubland habitats. The wetland areas, shrublands, and alder swamps also provide excellent habitat for American Woodcock and Ruffed Grouse. White-tailed Deer and Black Bear can be found throughout the WMA.

Fishing Opportunities:

Windsor Brook provides fishing opportunities for native Brook Trout and other stocked trout species on a seasonal basis.

Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

The large wet meadows on the WMA offer opportunities see rare and uncommon marsh and grassland birds. There are many trails in the area for walking, hiking, and biking.

Special WMA Regulations:

A "hunter orange" hat is required for all hunters during the pheasant season, and hunting hours are sunrise to sunset unless night hunting for raccoons or opossums.



Useful Links:

[WMA Regulations](#)

[Habitat Program](#)

[Hunting & Fishing](#)

Fishing/Hunting Licenses:

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