

MassWildlife Lands User Guide Palmer Wildlife Management Area

Towns: Palmer, Warren

Acreage: 1,260

Wildlife Management Zone: 7

Description of property:

This property consists of three main parcels covering the steep hillsides of Fox Hill and Colonels Mountain. The primary habitat types are mature upland forest of transitional hardwoods (oak, maple, beech, hickory) mixed with white pine and hemlock. Numerous beaver wetlands interrupt Kings Brook and School Street Brook as they flow through the western and eastern parcels. A transmission line corridor cuts through two of the parcels providing open habitat and access through the WMA. Wood Duck boxes are maintained in the surrounding wetlands.

Location/Access/Parking:

The property can be accessed from Rondeau Road, Old Warren Road, Boston Road (Route 67), and North Street. A dirt parking lot off of Old Warren Road and North Street can accommodate four vehicles each. Parking areas are not maintained in winter.

Hunting Opportunities:

This WMA provides hunting opportunities for Black Bear, White-tailed Deer, squirrel, Bobcat, Eastern Coyote, fox, and Raccoon. This area is NOT stocked with pheasant.

Fishing Opportunities:

Kings Brook provides fishing opportunities for native Brook Trout.

Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

The majority of the WMA is mapped as Core Habitat in BioMap2, the state's comprehensive biodiversity plan, as this property provides critical habitat for species of conservation concern. Numerous vegetative communities exist including an extensive example of a mixed-oak forest interspersed with rocky summit outcrops, and oak-hickory forests.

Special WMA Regulations:

None.

Useful Links

WMA Regulations

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