



MassWildlife Lands User Guide

Poland Brook Wildlife Management Area

Towns: Ashfield, Conway

Acreage: 392

Wildlife Management Zone: 4N

Description of property:

This property features upland forest hillsides composed of transitional hardwoods (maple, oak, hickory) and mixed softwoods (white pine, hemlock) interspersed with old fields and apple orchards. Beaver impoundments occur along Poland Brook which flows through the middle of the property.

Location/Access/Parking:

The property can be accessed from Main Poland Road, North Poland Road, and Harrison Road. A gravel/grass parking area that can accommodate five cars exists on Main Poland Road.

Habitat Management:

Habitat management activities continually occur on this WMA to maintain the open areas, young forest and shrublands. Old field areas are mowed on a three year interval to provide food and cover for both game and non-game species. Apple trees are maintained to provide food for wildlife.

Hunting Opportunities:

This area is stocked with Ring-necked Pheasant throughout the pheasant season. Other hunting opportunities exist for White-tailed Deer, Black Bear, American Woodcock, Cottontail Rabbits, Gray Squirrel, aquatic furbearers, and Raccoon.

Fishing Opportunities:

Poland Brook provides fishing opportunities for native Brook Trout and stocked trout species. Go to [Mass.gov/Trout](https://www.mass.gov/trout) for more information. Poland Brook also has a healthy population of Longnose Sucker, a rare fish that prefers clean, cold, fast-moving streams and small rivers.

Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

Open fields and meadows provide great opportunities for bird watching and wildlife viewing.

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

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