

MassWildlife Lands User Guide Montague Wildlife Management Area

Towns: Leverett, Montague, Sunderland

Acreage: 1,805

Wildlife Management Zone:5

Description of property:

This property is made up of several large parcels of variable terrain that cover Stoddard Hill and Chestnut Hill. The habitats on this WMA consist of mature upland forest of central hardwoods (oak, hickory, sugar maple, birch) mixed with white pine and Hemlock. A two-acre field exists near the center of the property and Spaulding Brook is almost entirely contained within the WMA. There is also frontage along the Sawmill River.

Location/Access/Parking:

The WMA can be accessed from North Leverett Road, Ripley Road, and West Chestnut Hill Road. Dirt parking areas on Ripley Road and West Chestnut Hill Road can accommodate about four cars. Parking areas are not maintained during winter.

Hunting Opportunities:

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

Fishing Opportunities:

The Sawmill River provides fishing opportunities for native Brook Trout, reproducing Brown Trout, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, sunfish, Yellow Perch and stocked trout species. Go to Mass.gov/Trout for more information. Spaulding Brook provides fishing opportunities for native Brook Trout. Both the Sawmill River and Spaulding Brook are Coldwater Fisheries Resources.

Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

Most of this WMA is mapped as core habitat in BioMap2, the state's comprehensive biodiversity plan, as the WMA is part of a 2,100 acre block of unfragmented forest and provides critical habitat for forest interior species.

Special WMA Regulations:

None.

Useful Links

WMA Regulations

Habitat Program

Hunting & Fishing

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