

MassWildlife Lands User Guide Mulpus Brook Wildlife Management Area

Towns: Lunenburg, Shirley

Acreage: 472

Wildlife Management Zone: 9

Description of property:

Mulpus Brook WMA is comprised of mixed upland and lowland habitat surrounding a section of Mulpus Brook. A little more than half of the area is upland forest habitat containing primarily white pine, oak, and maple. The remaining acreage is wetland habitat bordering Mulpus Brook. These wetlands vary in composition from open cattail mats and reed marsh to shrub swamp dominated by button bush, alder, and red maple.

Location/Access/Parking:

The best access to the brook is from town-owned land near the junction of Townsend Road and Route 2A. The northern, upland portion of the area can be accessed from Pamela Drive off of Route 225. The southern parcel can be accessed by parking at the Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge parking area off Walker Road. There is also a small fishing access to the brook off Hagan Drive in Shirley.

Hunting Opportunities:

Aquatic furbearers like muskrat, mink, North American beaver, and river otter are common, as are raccoons and waterfowl. White-tailed deer, gray and red fox, and eastern coyote inhabit the upland sections.

Fishing Opportunities:

Mulpus Brook is about 8 feet wide and 3 to 4 feet deep where it runs through this WMA. Nearly half the section of the brook, within the WMA, can be canoed in the spring. This is a fine coldwater stream that is stocked with trout. For more information on trout stocking visit Mass.gov/Trout.

Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

Various species of wildlife are abundant given the stream habitat, providing great birding opportunities particularly at the marsh and pond off Route 2A.

Special WMA Regulations:

None.

Useful Links

WMA Regulations

Habitat Program

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