



# Santuit Pond, Mashpee

## General Information

Santuit Pond is a shallow, fertile, 176-acre enlarged Great Pond with a maximum depth of 11 feet and an average depth of 6.5 feet. The bottom is predominantly sand overlain with muck, with some areas of gravel and rubble. The pond is groundwater fed and forms the headwaters of the Santuit River (also known as the Cotuit River). Once dominated by submerged aquatic vegetation, algae blooms have dominated in the summer recently and in 2012 the town installed floating solar-powered water circulators to help control cyanobacteria. The 3.6 miles of shoreline are moderately developed with homes and cranberry bogs and is generally steep and wooded.

## Recreational Access

Access is provided by a town managed gravel ramp suitable for cartop boats, canoes and light trailered boats off of Timberlane Drive in the northwest section of the pond (70°27'49.34"W 41°39'25.71"N). There is parking for approximately six vehicles. During the summer months, parking is limited to town residents with stickers only but boats can be launched and nearby roadside parking can be found. Public hiking access is also available through the Santuit Pond Preserve on the southern end of the pond. The primary access to the Santuit Pond Preserve is in Barnstable where a small access area is available off Santuit-Newtown Road just to the north and west of the Lovells Pond Boat Ramp. A new access to the preserve lands has been created in Mashpee off Route 130 (70°27'36.20"W 41°38'36.44"N). Please contact town of Mashpee for additional information, and/or restrictions pertaining to public access.

## Fish Populations

The following fish species were found during MassWildlife surveys: Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Golden Shiner, Pumpkinseed, Alewife (sea-run), Yellow Perch, Brown Bullhead, White Sucker, White Perch and American Eel.

## Fishing

Santuit Pond is one of the most fertile ponds on Cape Cod and offers good fishing for Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Pumpkinseed, and Brown Bullhead. There are big Largemouth Bass here due to the food supply provided by the River Herring which run up the Santuit River. Santuit Pond is a good bet for ice fishing when conditions permit. Santuit Pond has produced Yellow Perch, White Perch, Smallmouth Bass, and Chain Pickerel that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Freshwater Sportfishing Awards Program.

Other nearby ponds are Mashpee-Wakeby Ponds and Lovells Pond.

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Clean all recreational equipment.  
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Mashpee

Cape Cod Watershed

Coordinates: 70°27'49"W 41°39'25"N

USGS Quad: COTUIT

