



MassWildlife Lands User Guide

Wayne F. MacCallum Wildlife Management Area

Towns: Northborough, Westborough

Acreage: 906

Wildlife Management Zone: 9

Description of property:

This property consists of stands of mixed hardwoods and conifers interspersed with active, fallow, and overgrown fields. The WMA provides extensive shoreline access to Chauncy Lake in Westborough and Little Chauncy Pond in Northborough. There are two interior beaver-enhanced ponds that attract waterfowl. Both ponds contain active Wood Duck nesting boxes.

Location/Access/Parking:

Parking and access can be found at Milk Street (Route 135) in Westborough, behind MassWildlife field headquarters on Rabbit Hill Road (off of Route 135) in Westborough, Lyman Street in Northborough -6 vehicles (seasonal access), and Oak Street in Westborough -6 vehicles (boat ramp lot).

Habitat Management:

Active agricultural fields can be found within this WMA along with fallow fields in various states of regrowth. Partial reclamation of overgrown fields is done seasonally combined with seasonal mowing of existing grasslands. There is also a managed 1.3-acre chestnut seedling tree orchard located on the property.

Hunting Opportunities:

White-tailed Deer abound in the fields and thickets on the property providing hunting opportunities. Waterfowl and American Woodcock can be found along the shorelines of the ponds and lake and along the Assabet River. The area is stocked seasonally with Ring-necked Pheasant.

Fishing Opportunities:

The WMA offers superb access to Chauncy Lake and Little Chauncy Pond. Chauncy Lake has an improved boat ramp located in parking area off of Oak Street in Westborough. Little Chauncy Pond has a seasonal unimproved car-top access located off of Lyman Street in Northborough. Both water bodies offer excellent fishing for warmwater species.

Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

The shrubland and grassland habitat scattered throughout the property offers great songbird viewing in the spring and summer. Wood Ducks and Hooded Mergansers are often found using the nesting boxes located within the interior beaver ponds.

Special WMA Regulations:

During the pheasant season, a "hunter orange" hat is required for 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 PM and 3 AM.

Useful Links

[WMA Regulations](#)

[Habitat Program](#)

[Hunting & Fishing](#)

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