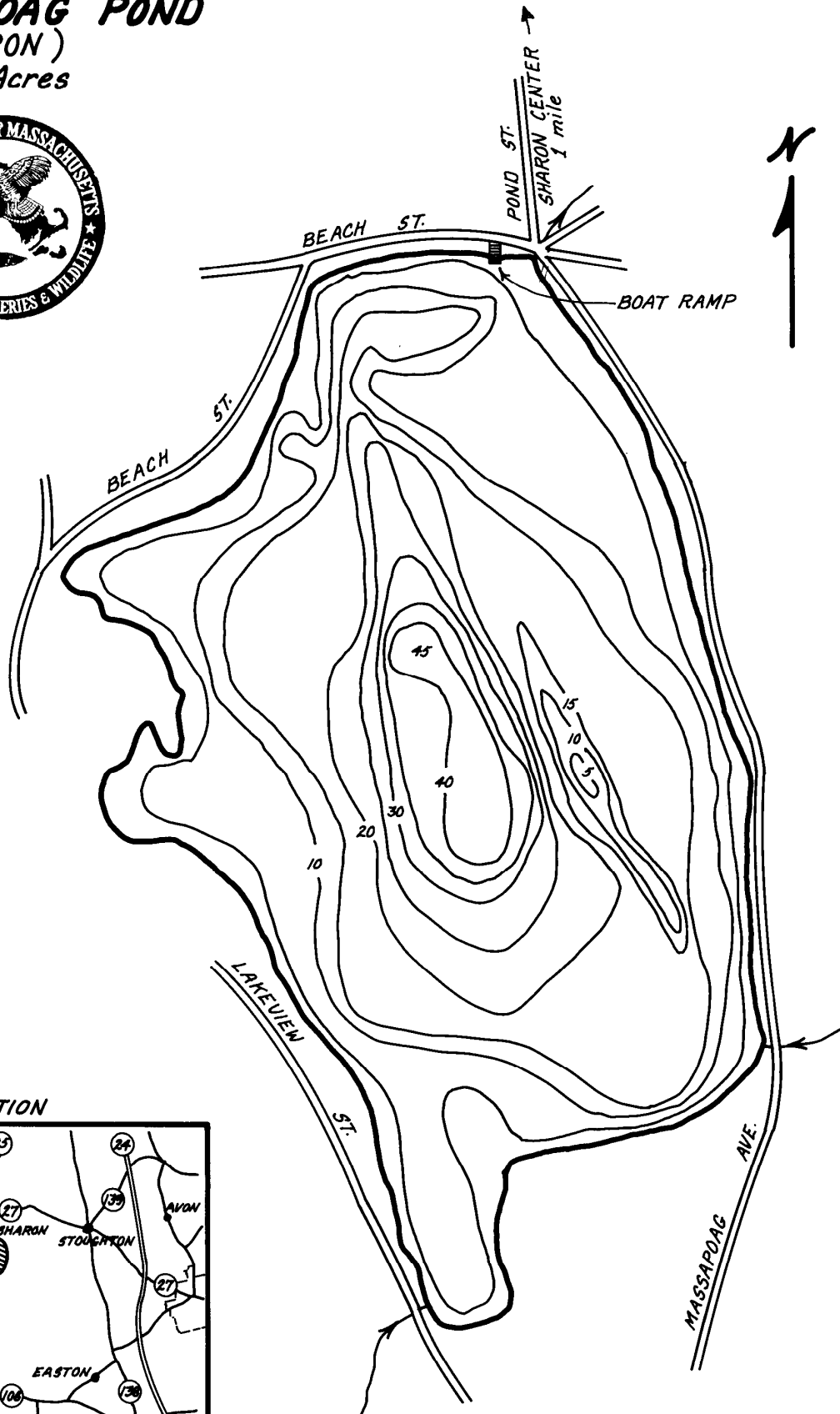
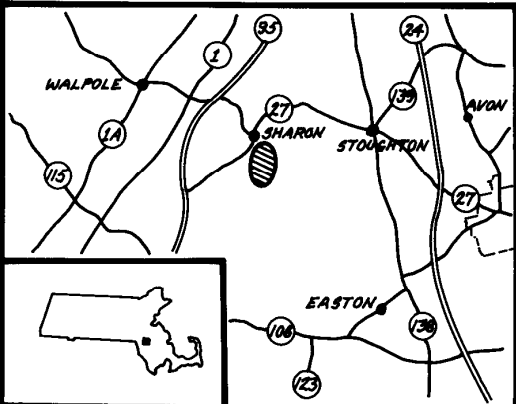


MASSAPOAG POND (SHARON) 353 Acres



LOCATION



NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

FEB. 1980

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General Information:

This 353-acre natural great pond is located about a mile south of Route 27 in Sharon. Maximum depth is 45 feet; average depth is 13 feet. The bottom is composed of gravel, sand and rubble and the water is transparent to 11 feet. Aquatic vegetation is moderate, and limited primarily to the southern and western shores. The shoreline is heavily developed, with the exception of the eastern shore along Massapoag Avenue.

Access is provided by a town owned boat ramp located on the north shore near the outlet. It is suitable for launching small trailer boats, car top boats and canoes. There is adequate parking for approximately six vehicles, but during the summer months this parking area is reserved for swimmers at the adjacent beach. During that season, boaters must launch and then park their vehicles across the street at a schoolyard.

Fish Populations:

This pond is stocked with trout — usually rainbows — every spring. It was last surveyed in 1979 when, in addition to stocked trout, seven species were recorded: largemouth bass, yellow perch, bluegill, pumpkinseed, brown bullhead, white sucker and golden shiner.

Fishing:

This is a fine spot for early season trout fishing, either from a boat or from shore off Beach Street or Massapoag Street. Summer fishing can be difficult with the access problem and the crowding of other recreational users, so we don't recommend it then except very early in the morning or at night. The warm water fish species display low population densities and those fishing for them will generally find the action very slow. However, this pond annually produces a few trophy bass and pickerel, and the fish that are present are generally of large average size. A good percentage of the trophies are taken through the ice, particularly in the southwestern cove.

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