



# Big Sandy Pond

## Plymouth

*Plymouth County*

*Buzzards Bay Watershed*

Latitude: 41.81086 N Longitude: 70.60481 W



**134 Acres**

**Depth:** 19 feet Average  
37 feet Maximum

**Primary Gamefish:**

*Trout*

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### General Information:

Big Sandy Pond, also known simply as Sandy Pond, is a 134 acre natural kettlehole pond with an average depth of 19 feet and a maximum depth of 37 feet. The water is relatively infertile, and clear with a transparency of 16 feet. Vegetation is scant over a bottom composed of sand and rock rubble. There are just under two miles of shoreline, but almost all of it has been developed with summer cottages and year round houses. Summer trout water (<70 F and greater than 5 ppm of dissolved oxygen) was noted during a survey (07/09/2004) between 22 and 25 feet in depth.

### Access:

Big Sandy Pond is a natural great pond and access is provided by the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife and the Office of Fishing and Boating Access in the form of a concrete pad ramp suitable for trailered boats. The gravel parking area has space for approximately 10 cars. The ramp and parking area is located off Gunning Point Road, separated from a nearby house by a chain link fence. Anglers can launch boats here or access the pond for shore wading. Gunning Point Road can be reached from Bourne-Plymouth Road which connects Head of the Bay Road and Halfway Pond Road.

### Management History:

A September 1912 survey noted "The remains of a clambake decaying on shore was the only indication of the least pollution". Smallmouth bass and white perch were stocked in the 1930s and 1940s. An August 1946 survey found brown bullhead, yellow perch and banded killifish. Big Sandy Pond was reclaimed for trout management twice, first in September 1967 and again in September 1970. Yellow perch made up 92% of the fish removed in 1967 and the total fish carrying capacity of the pond was estimated at 50 pounds per acre. The reclamations were followed by stockings of trout and smallmouth bass. Big Sandy Pond has a low buffering capacity and is susceptible to acid rain. The pond was treated with limestone in 1974 and 1983.

### Fish Populations:

Big Sandy Pond was surveyed in 1983, and the following fish species were observed: yellow perch, pumpkinseed, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, brown bullhead, golden shiner, rainbow trout and brown trout. The most recent survey on July 9, 2004 by electrofishing captured abundant yellow perch, banded killifish, and white sucker as well as young-of-year largemouth bass and smallmouth bass.

### Fishing:

Big Sandy Pond is managed as a catchable trout pond and is annually stocked in the spring and fall with brook, brown and rainbow trout. While trout are the main attraction at this pond, anglers can also expect to catch yellow perch, largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. There are numerous nearby ponds including Whites Pond, Ezekiel Pond, White Island Pond, Little Sandy Pond, Glen Charlie Pond, Little Herring Pond, Great Herring Pond and Long Pond-Plymouth.

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