



# Buckley-Dunton Reservoir, Becket

## General Information

This shallow, 160 acre flood control reservoir, built by the Soil Conservation Service, is situated approximately six miles northwest of Becket center. Maximum depth is ten feet; average depth approximately six feet. The water is fertile with a transparency of only three to four feet. Aquatic vegetation is moderate and scattered, concentrated primarily in the shallow northern and southern coves and along the shoreline. The bottom is composed of mud, and since a forest was flooded to create this pond, there is abundant structure in the form of stumps and deadfalls. The shoreline is completely undeveloped and accessible to shore fishing, falling entirely within the borders of the October Mountain State Forest.

## Recreational Access

Although there is no formal ramp, car top boats and canoes can be launched from a gravel area landing near the dam (73°7'54.90"W 42°18'43.15"N).

## Fish Populations

The following fish species were found during MassWildlife surveys: Pumpkinseed, Brown Bullhead, Golden Shiner, Chain Pickerel, and Largemouth Bass.

## Fishing

This pond offers some of the better bass and pickerel fishing in the region. In addition to the excellent fisheries, the environment is aesthetically pleasing, scenic and relatively quiet. The pickerel are probably the premier gamefish here, being both common and of large average size. Largemouth Bass are abundant, and large individuals are now reported regularly. The density of structure in this pond (it is virtually paved with stumps) almost necessitates the use of "snag proof" lures such as spinnerbaits, weedless spoons and rubber worms. Because of the shallow nature of the water and the poor transparency, surface plugs and poppers are also very effective here. Buckley-Dunton has produced Brown Bullhead, Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, and Yellow Perch that meet minimum sizes for recognition by the Freshwater Sportfishing Awards Program.

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Clean all recreational equipment.  
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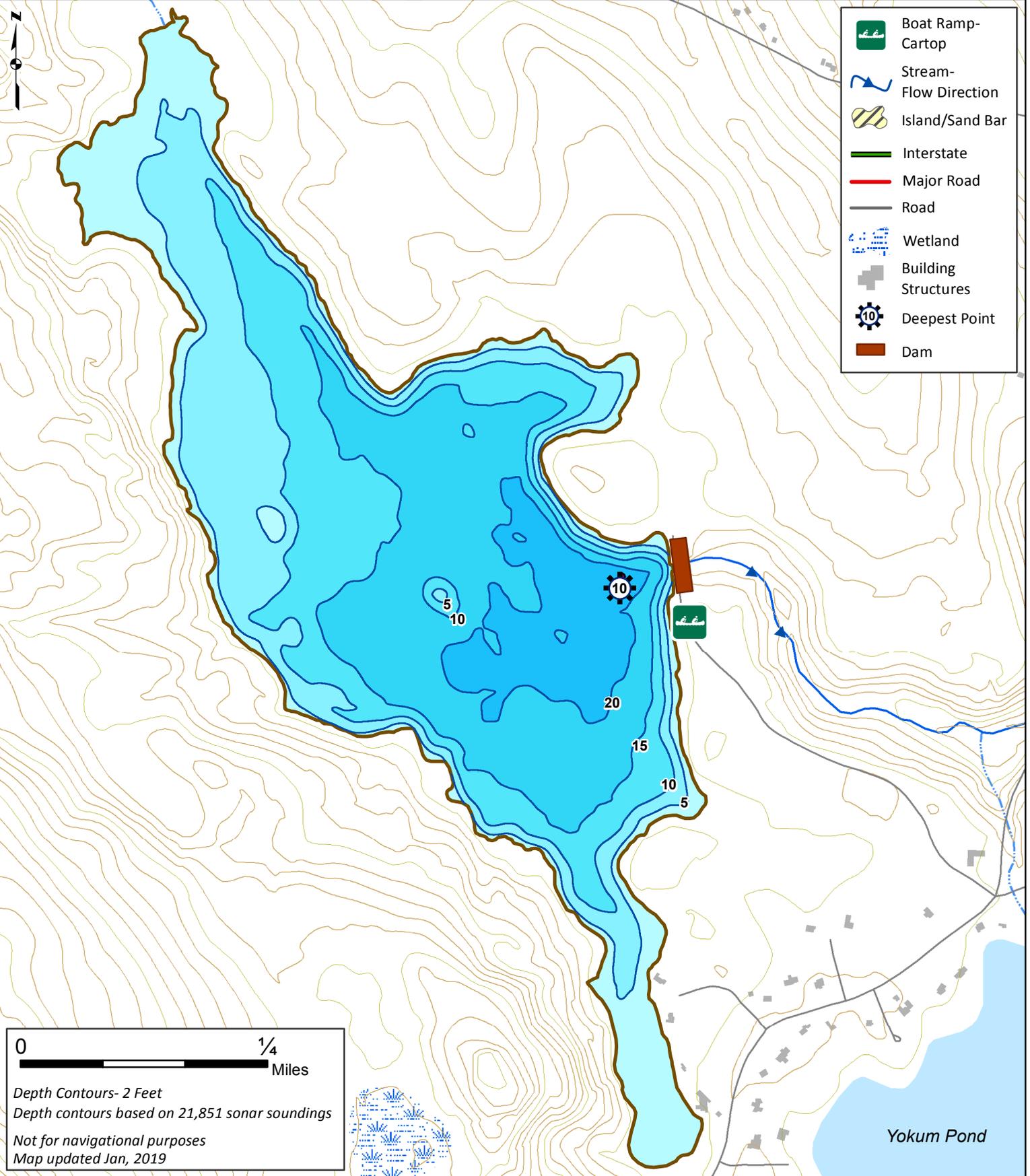
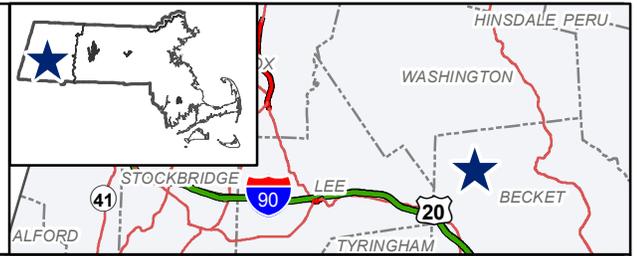
160 Acres

Becket

Westfield River Watershed

Coordinates: 73° 7'54.90"W 42°18'43.15"N

USGS Quad: EAST LEE



- Boat Ramp-Cartop
- Stream-Flow Direction
- Island/Sand Bar
- Interstate
- Major Road
- Road
- Wetland
- Building Structures
- Deepest Point
- Dam



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Miles

Depth Contours- 2 Feet  
Depth contours based on 21,851 sonar soundings  
Not for navigational purposes  
Map updated Jan, 2019

Yokum Pond