

# Marsh Pond Wildlife Management Area

## General Description

Marsh Pond Wildlife Area (WMA) is a 90-acre parcel owned by the State of Vermont and managed by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. It is located in the town of Fair Haven, at the southern end of Old Marsh Pond. Access to the parcel from Pond Road is restricted.

## History

Old Marsh Pond was formerly known as Eagle Lake. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department purchased Marsh Pond WMA from Central Vermont Public Service Corporation in 1960.

## Habitat Features

Old Marsh Pond is a 131-acre natural pond with artificial control. Only 51 acres of the WMA is upland, while a 39-acre portion of the pond comprises the remainder of the WMA. The John Wood Dam is located at the southeastern end of the pond and regulates the flow of water into one of Mud Brook's tributaries. The terrain gently rises when heading southwesterly across the WMA ranging from 400 to 600 feet. The WMA is composed of wetlands with emergent and submergent vegetation as well as mixed northern hardwood forest.

Rare plants such as lesser bur-reed and humped bladderwort are located on this WMA. Please remember that these and other plants should not be picked or dug up regardless of status.

## Common Fish and Wildlife

**Mammals** The upland adjacent to Old Marsh Pond shelters woodland mammals such as white-tailed deer, red fox, cottontail rabbit and raccoon. Beaver, muskrat, mink and otter may be found in and around the pond.

**Birds** Cavity nesting ducks, such as wood ducks and hooded mergansers, as well as mallards and teal, may nest on Old Marsh Pond. Expect to find other water-loving birds such as great blue and green herons. Birds that like to dwell near water may be seen, including eastern kingbirds, kingfishers, red-winged blackbirds, Baltimore orioles, tree swallows, warbling vireos, snipe and yellow warblers. Woodcock, ruffed grouse and wild turkeys may be found in the upland area.

**Reptiles and Amphibians** Marsh Pond WMA contains several species of salamanders including Jefferson's, spotted, northern two-lined and eastern red-backed salamanders, eastern newts, and possibly four-toed salamanders. Frog and toad species that can be heard in spring and summer in and around the pond are gray treefrogs, spring peepers, American toads, and American bull, pickerel and wood frogs. There are also snapping, painted, wood and common musk turtles located on the WMA. Garter, northern water and milk snakes can be found, as well as rare black rat snakes.

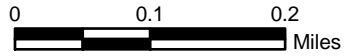
**Fish** Old Marsh Pond is a warmwater fishery and supports brown bullhead, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, northern pike, bridle shiner and chain pickerel.



Spotted salamanders live mostly underground and are seldom seen except during their annual trek to ponds to breed. Scott Darling, VFWD photo.

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90 Acres  
1:9,000



Mt Hamilton

INMAN POND RD

*Old Marsh Pond*

Dam

To Rt 22A  
0.6 Miles

BIGELOW RD

SHELDON RD

To Fair Haven  
2 Miles

600

500

400

Mud Brook

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