

Season: The 2024 Quabbin Fishing Season runs from April 20 through October 19, 2024. Shore Fishing is open seven days a week for the season. The Boat Launch Areas (BLAs) will also open on April 20, conditions permitting. BLAs are open seven days a week from 6:00 a.m. until closing. **Boats must be off the water 1½ hours before closing.** Closing times and ‘boats off the water times’ are posted at the BLA’s and [Quabbin Fishing Website](#)*. **Pottapaug Pond and O’Loughlin Pond will be closed to all boating (private and rentals) for the 2024 Quabbin Fishing Season.** Surveys and removal efforts are scheduled for both ponds to control swollen bladderwort, a floating aquatic invasive species.

Boat Launch Area Fees: You must be 16 years or older, with a Massachusetts Fishing or Sporting License or a Quabbin Fishing License to rent or launch a boat. Boats are rented on a first come - first served basis. We require anyone renting a boat to be in possession of some form of fishing equipment. Rentals before 12:30 p.m. pay full day rate. **ONLY credit/debit cards will be accepted at the BLAs (no cash sales).** Season Passes must be purchased online through the [Quabbin Fishing Website](#)*. Damage to rental boats and motors or failure to adhere to the regulations set forth in this fishing guide may result in being banned for up to 1 year.

Prices: Parking and Fishing Access - \$6 per vehicle; \$8 per vehicle and trailer (includes launching fees)
Seasonal Parking Pass (online sales only) - \$50; \$25 if handicapped (with placard) or senior citizen (62 and older)
Boat and Motor Rental - \$40 full day; \$30 afternoon (after 12:30 p.m.)
Boat only Rental - \$14 full day; \$10 afternoon (after 12:30 p.m.)
Senior Citizens (62 and older) – half price Parking and Season Pass; half price weekday Boat Rentals (except holidays)
Handicapped (with placard) – half price Parking, Season Pass, and Boat Rentals

Quabbin Boat Seal: An intact [Quabbin Boat Seal](#) is required on all private and non-DCR boats launched on the reservoir. This seal documents that the craft has gone through a DCR-approved decontamination for aquatic invasive species. Boat seals are inspected by Boat Launch Attendants prior to launching. Call the Quabbin Visitor Center to schedule an appointment at (413) 323-7221 and press 0 when the recording starts. Leave a message if necessary. Appointments are taken beginning March 1.

Boat Size, Occupancy, and Safety:

- * Minimum boat size is 12' Boats under 14', 6" are limited to three individuals. Private boat may carry no more than four individuals.
- * Rental boats are limited by weight. In general, maximum of 3 adults (16 or older) per rental boat; or 2 adults and 2 children under 16 per rental boat; or 1 adult and 3 children under 16 per rental boat.
- * Boats must be operated at a safe and reasonable speed.
- * Boats must return to Boat Launch Area no later than the posted “Boats off the water” time.
- * No boats may be launched less than 2 hours before the posted “Boats off the water” times at Boat Launch Areas.
- * Persons under 16 must be accompanied by an adult when in a boat.
- * Flashlights or a cyalume stick are recommended in the event you need to be rescued.

Outboard Motor Size Limits:

- * DCR rental boats are limited to 10 horsepower (hp) maximum.
- * Two-Stroke Engines - private boats with two-stroke engines are limited to one-half the Boating Industries of America (BIA) or Outboard Boating Council (OBC) hp rating of the boat, up to a maximum of 20 hp.
- * Four-stroke engines - private boats with four-stroke engines less than 40 hp are limited to ½ the BIA or OBC hp rating. Private boats with four-stroke engines rated for 40 hp or larger are limited to a maximum of 25 hp.
- * Private boats may use two motors provided the total does not exceed the hp limits. If hp exceeds the limits the propeller on larger motor needs to be removed.
- * Combined four-stroke and two-stroke engines may not exceed 20 hp total.

Boating Regulations - the following are REQUIRED for private boats:

- * Intact Quabbin Boat Seal at check-in prior to launching.
- * Safety equipment compliant with U. S. Coast Guard Regulations.

Watershed Protection Regulations - the following are PROHIBITED:

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| * Acts that pollute the water supply | * Swimming or wading | * Disposal of materials in the reservoir or reservation |
| * Boating beyond marked limits | * Camping | * Pontoon boats, inflatable boats, or sailboats. |
| * Private canoes or kayaks | * Dogs or other animals | * Lead fishing sinkers |
| * Alcoholic beverages | * Fires | * Harassment of nesting or chick rearing wildlife |
| * Drones | * Landing boats on shoreline/islands except at designated areas for restroom facility use | |

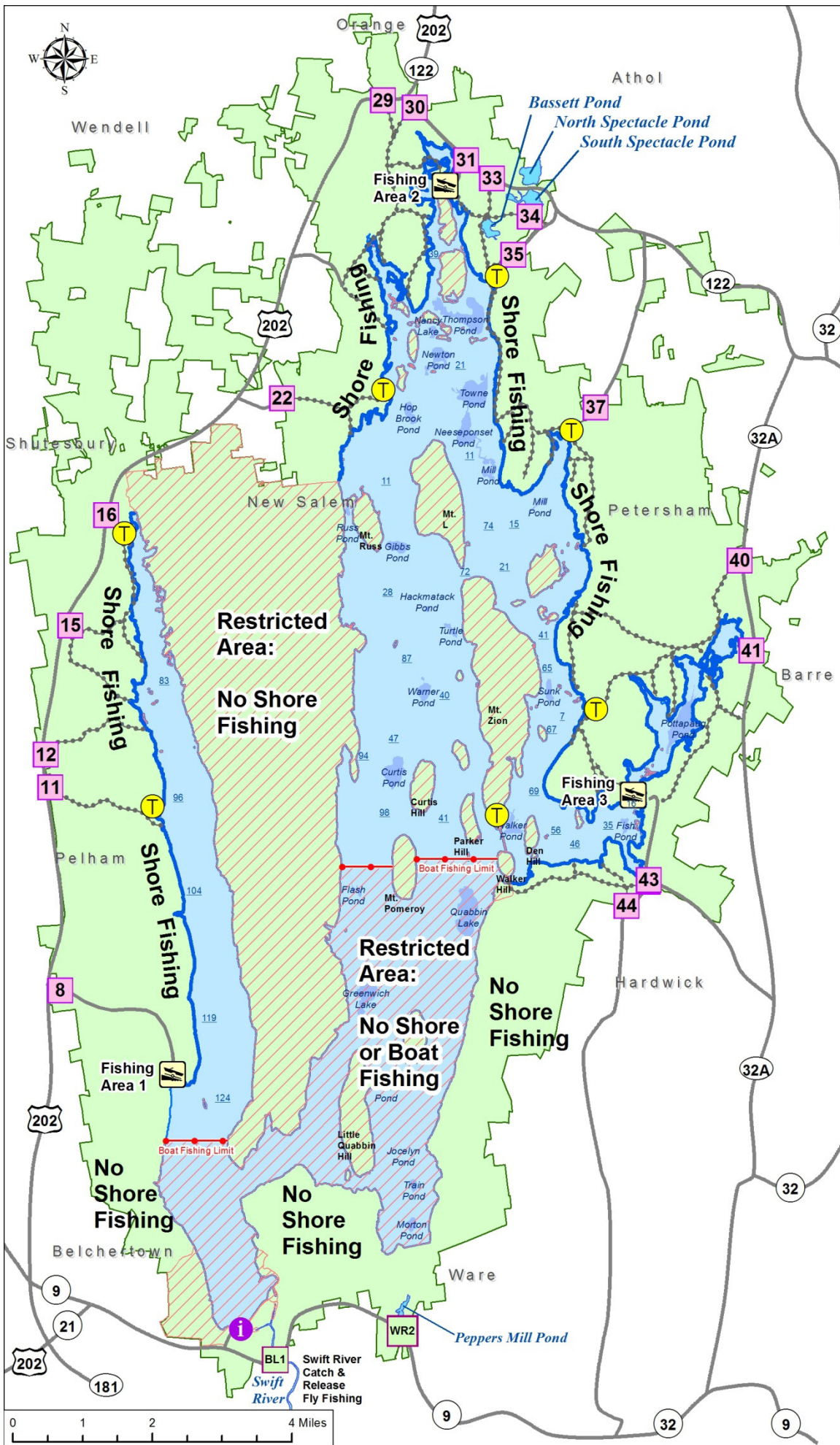
Contact Information:

EMERGENCY - 911
MA State Police, Quabbin - (413) 323-7561

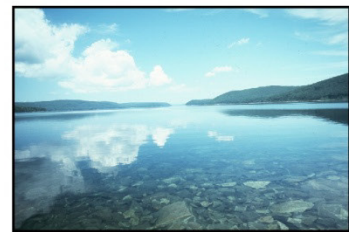
Quabbin Visitor Center - (413) 323-7221
Watershed Rangers - (617) 828-2452 (cell)

The complete Quabbin Fishing guide is available at: www.mass.gov/dcr/quabbinfish* 1/12/2024





Quabbin Reservoir Fishing Map



- Visitor Center
- Fishing Area (Boat Launch)
- Portable Toilet
- Gate: Day Access Only
- Feet Below 530 Elevation
- Shoreline Fishing
- Boat Fishing Limit
- Road
- Access Route
- Restricted Area
- Quabbin Land Boundary
- Quabbin Reservoir
- Fishing Pond
- Submerged Pond

DCR Contact Information:
Visitor Center: (413) 323-7221
Ranger Station: (413) 323-0191
Ranger Mobile: (617) 828-2452

This map is composed of geographic data provided by MassGIS and DCR, agencies within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA).

