

Courseys Pond

58.1 acres

Frederica

Although largemouth bass numbers were not high in this pond, many were larger fish, a pattern that has been consistent here. Golden shiners provide forage, supplemented by small bluegill. In contrast to bass abundance, numbers of bluegill were high with a wide size range (3 to 8 inches) although the dominant size class was 4 inches..

Black crappie were more abundant than largemouth bass. The bulk of the population was about 6 inches indicating a strong year class although occasional large fish were present. White perch were abundant while pumpkinseed sunfish and yellow perch were also available. Common carp and gizzard shad were the most abundant fish and undoubtedly affect other species. Both brown bullhead and white catfish were present in moderate numbers.



VEGETATION

Spatterdock dominates the pond with large beds throughout much of the pond. These large beds provide cooler water areas for the fish and many tend to concentrate in these areas during the summer months. A heavy bloom of planktonic algae occasionally turns the water bright green during August and September, coating fishing equipment and limiting visibility.

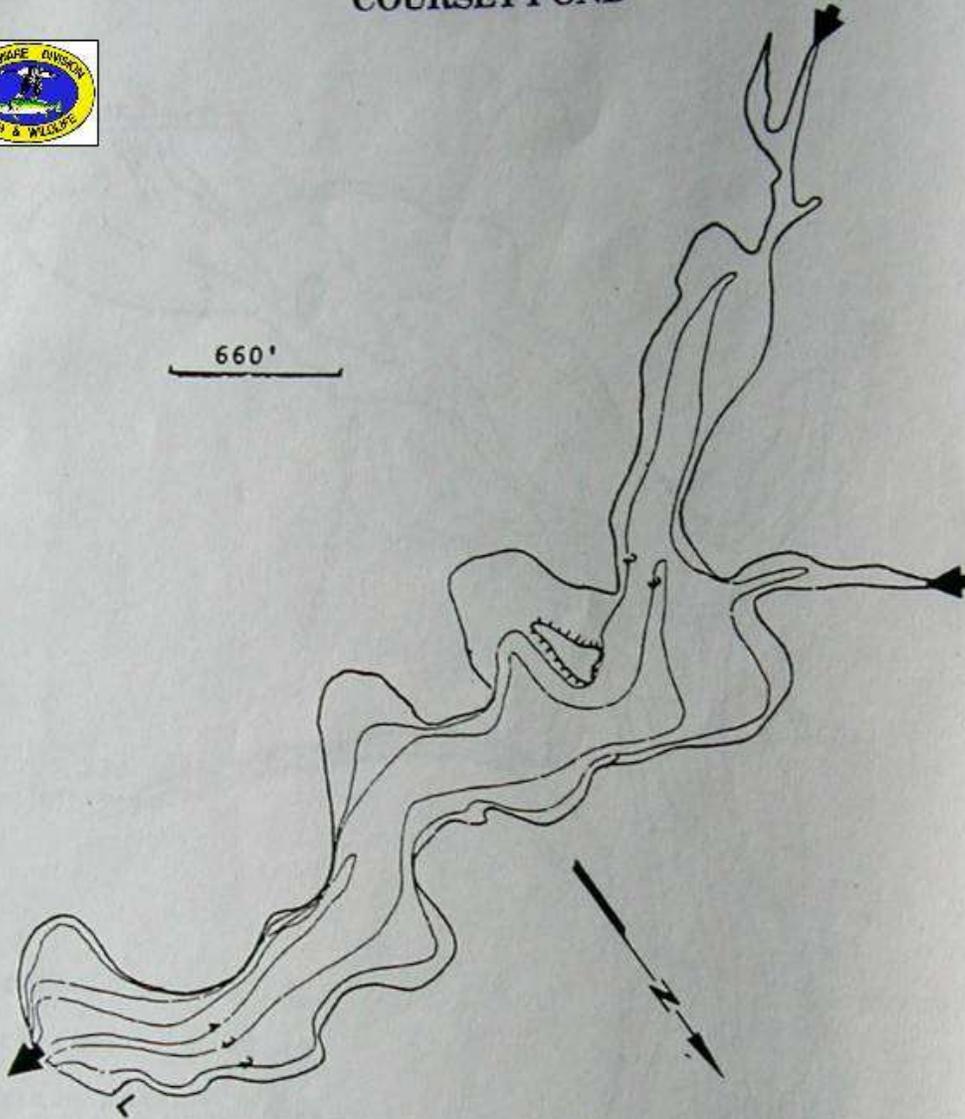
SPECIAL CONDITIONS

River herring use the fish ladder to gain access to the pond for spawning during the spring months. It is unlawful for any person to fish within ten feet of the entrance or exit of the fish ladder or to remove fish from any ladder between March 15 and May 30. This regulation was passed to protect river herring while they are confined in the fish ladder. Both commercial and recreational river herring fisheries are now closed and harvest is illegal. Shoreline angling is available around the boat access area and along the bulkhead.

COURSEY POND



660'



Surface acres	58.1
Acre-feet	113.03
Maximum depth	4.0'
Mean depth	2.0'

Legend

Water flow	➔
Launching ramp	L
Island	☀