

Craigs Pond

11.0 acres

Seaford

The largemouth bass population has declined at Craigs Pond in recent years possibly due to heavy algae infestations that often occur. Bass catch rates were average but few larger bass were collected. Average weights (plumpness) were within the normal range but on the low side; these sight-feeders have to work a little harder to catch a meal in the dense plant material. In early spring, a good fishing spot is the steep drop-off along the road where bass like to hang out.

Moderate numbers of bluegill were available, but black crappie were harder to find. The size structure of bluegill was good with fish ranging to nine inches and exhibiting above average weights.

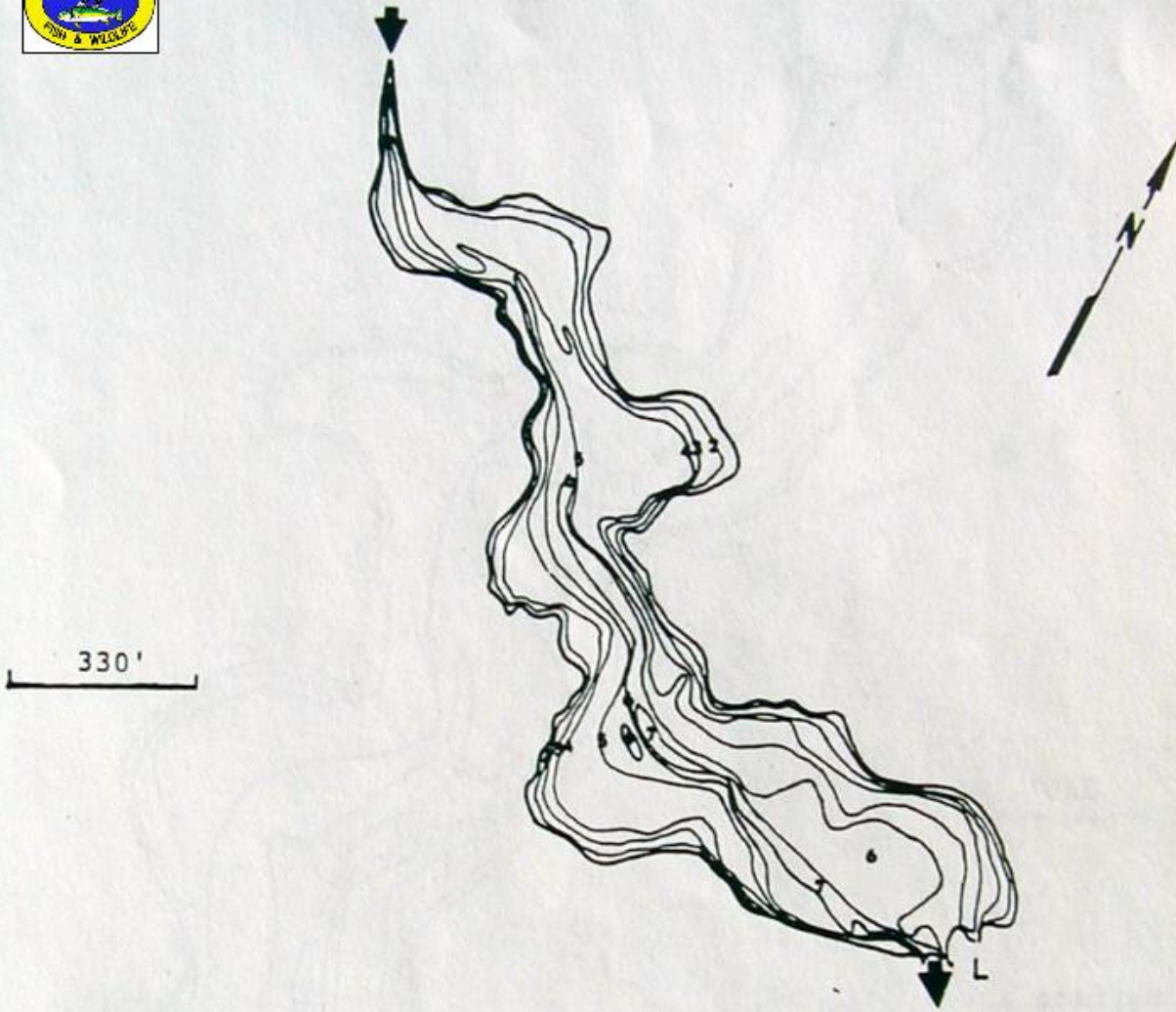
VEGETATION

Filamentous algal mats – most often the alga that is called water-net due to its shape – often impede fishing in this relatively small pond. Fishing early in the season would be best to avoid any algae problems. Control efforts have been necessary nearly every year, via either the aquatic weed harvester or herbicide treatments, to try and keep the pond fishable. Although watermeal, which resembles tiny duckweed, frequently covers the water's surface, it does not impede fishing.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Shore anglers will find several areas around the pond and parking lot that are good for bank fishing. The drop-off along the road frontage is an ideal location for bass and sometimes crappie during early spring. Extensive shallow areas in the back half of the pond can make boating difficult outside of the channel.

CRAIGS POND



330'

Surface acres	11.9
Acre-feet	45.5
Maximum depth	7.0'
Mean depth	3.8'

Legend	
Water flow	➔
Launching ramp	L