

## **Ingrams Pond**

24.4 acres  
Millsboro, Sussex

The largemouth bass population has slowly improved following the control of hydrilla by triploid grass carp. Moderate numbers of bass were present with the most abundant size group from 12 to 15 inches. Average weights have improved. Numerous schools of bass fry were observed in spring 2012 indicating the possibility of a strong year class.

Bluegill were abundant but smaller fish (4 inches) dominated the population. Black crappie were present in moderate numbers with occasional fish over nine inches. .

Low numbers of yellow perch were present also with the chance of getting a big one.. Pumpkinseed sunfish, golden shiner, creek chubsucker, and chain pickerel were generally less common.

### **VEGETATION**

As noted above, hydrilla used to form a nearly solid surface in this pond by August with even motorized boat travel difficult. Three different stockings of triploid grass carp were made before any control was achieved and then the hydrilla was virtually eliminated. Most fishery managers regard 20 to 40% aquatic vegetation coverage as best for a good fish community, so the use of grass carp has not been a real effective management technique for a sport fish impoundment. Since hydrilla was nearly eliminated in the mid-1990s, no other submersed (growing under water) plant has replaced it. Spatterdock beds were very patchy in the lower main body, but cover much of the surface in the back of the pond.

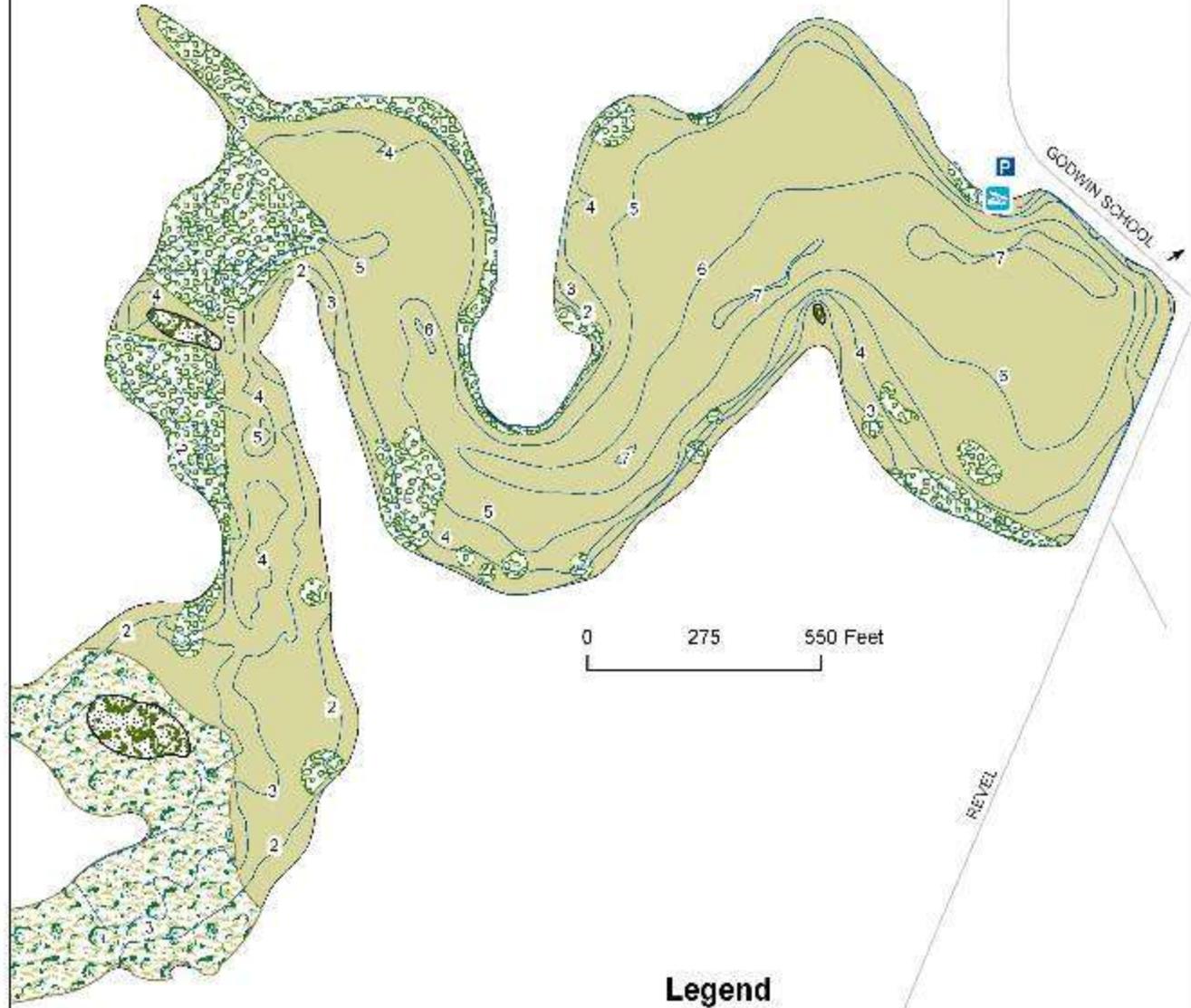


### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

Triploid (sterile) grass carp were introduced in this pond to evaluate their use in controlling hydrilla. Although last stocked in 1992, a few old, very large fish remain. It is illegal to remove them from the pond or to fish with bow and arrow here.

A special Youth Fishing Tournament, sponsored by the Division of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Section, is generally held here in early June. For information, call 302-739-9913 or check our website: [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) .

# Ingrams Pond 2010 Sussex County, Delaware



0 275 550 Feet

Surface acres 55.6  
Maximum depth 7'

### Legend

- Parking
- Boat ramp
- Island
- Flooded shrub
- Aquatic vegetation
- Flow

