

Mud Mill Pond

60.0 acres

Marydel, Delaware

Fish Community

This pond was undoubtedly named for the brown color of the water. Although the amount of silt in the water can affect the spawning success of nest building species, such as members of the sunfish family, reproduction has been successful enough to produce moderate numbers of Largemouth Bass and Bluegill. Bass in the 12-15" size group are the most abundant although there are also a fair number of smaller bass that will grow into catchable sized fish in a few years. Relative weights (measure of condition or 'plumpness') were good overall. The panfish population is dominated by Bluegill although few are greater than 8". Pumpkinseed Sunfish and Black Crappie are also present although much less abundant than Bluegill. Although Black Crappie are not abundant, relative weights are high compared to most other ponds in Delaware indicating that Black Crappie are able to compete somewhat with other panfish in highly turbid water conditions. The non-game fish community is dominated by Common Carp and Golden Shiner. American eel and Gizzard Shad are also present and Mud Mill Pond is one of the few public ponds that have both Brown Bullhead (black barbels or 'whiskers') and Yellow Bullhead (white barbels or 'whiskers') Catfish.



Vegetation

Although much of the pond shoreline is vegetated with water willow, smartweed, and other emergent plants, there is little aquatic vegetation in the pond itself. Spatterdock occurs in scattered patches throughout the pond. Black Crappie tend to occur in the cooler water under the Spatterdock and around the dam. Duckweed, which is a small floating plant, is usually present but does not affect angling.

Special Conditions

This pond lies in both Maryland and Delaware, although the majority of the pond as well as the ramp are in Delaware. Since there is no reciprocity agreement between the two states, anglers have to be sure they are holding an appropriate license for their location on the pond (see Pond map). The shallow depth throughout much of the pond makes operating an outboard motor difficult at times. Visibility is generally poor due to the muddy water, so maintaining a no-wake speed is best to avoid damage to outboards.

Access

Most of the shoreline is privately owned which limits access for shoreline angling to the area on both sides of the ramp and east of the dam. The open shoreline across the dam and on the west side of the dam is adjacent to County Road 207 (Mud Mill Rd) which does not have a shoulder available for safe angling. The ramp and parking area can accommodate a fair number of boats and trailers. There is a picnic table available adjacent to the parking lot.



The boat ramp at Mud Mill Pond is just off of Mud Mill Rd.



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(see Pond Map on next page)



Mud Mill Pond Kent County, 2014

Max. Depth - 4.0 feet
Surface Acres - 60.0
Pond Volume - 123 acre-feet



The boat ramp and parking area can be accessed from Mud Mill Road

Depth Contours are 1 ft intervals - significant changes are labeled

Delaware-Maryland State Line

Legend

- Roads
- Flow
- Boat Ramp
- Parking
- Vegetation
- Island

