



Manchester Urban Ponds Restoration Program

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Crystal Lake Facts

- **Location:** Public access on Bodwell Road in south Manchester. Surrounded by Corning Road to the east and West Shore Road and Fern Lane to the west.
- **Other Names:** Once known as Skenker's Pond, then Mosquito Pond.
- **Type of Waterbody:** Natural pond.
- **Inlet/Outlet:** No surface water inlet. The outlet, Mosquito Brook, flows into the Great Cohas Swamp/Cohas Brook, then into Pine Island Pond, and eventually into the Merrimack River.
- **Watershed Area:** 200 acres.
- **Waterbody Size:** Approximately 19 acres.
- **Average Water Depth:** Approximately 9.5 feet.
- **Maximum Water Depth:** Approximately 21 feet.
- **Shoreline Length:** Approximately 3,280 feet.
- **Elevation:** 206 feet.
- **Uses:** Swimming, boating, fishing.
- **Public Boat Launch:** No designated boat launch, but visitors could launch a canoe or kayak adjacent to the beach.
- **Amenities:** Public swimming beach, picnic pavilion, playground. Melody Pines Day Camp at the southern end.
- **Local Legend:** "The Hermit of Mosquito Pond", Charles Lambert who lived self-sufficiently in seclusion at Crystal Lake for over 60 years.
- **Lake Association:** Crystal Lake Preservation Association (CLPA).

