

# Lake Assessment Report

## ISLAND POND

### 7/2/2003

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Lake assessments are being conducted to contribute physical and ecological data to the Atlas as a collaborative effort between project partners. The goal is to rapidly assess many of the lakes in the county and thus provide stakeholders a better understanding of the character of the lake, its shore, and the aquatic plants present there. These data are intended to assist in the future management of the lake and its watershed.

The first section of the report provides the results of the bottom mapping effort: a contour (bathymetric) map of the lake, area, volume and depth statistics, and the water level at the time of assessment (if available).

The second section provides the results of the ecological (vegetation) assessment conducted on the lake. These results can be used to better manage vegetation in the lake. A list is provided with the different plant species found at various sites around the lake. Potentially invasive, exotic (non-native) species are identified in a plant list and the percent of exotics is presented in a summary table. The results of this study are compared with other lakes in the watershed.

The intent of the assessment is to provide a starting point from which to track changes in the lake. These data can provide the information needed to determine changes and to monitor trends in physical condition and ecological health of the lake.

### ***I. Physical Data – Area, Depth, Volume, & Bottom Contours***

The bottom of the lake was mapped using a Global Positioning System (GPS) to determine the boat's position, and a depth-finder to provide depth associated with that measured position. The result is an estimate of the lake's area, mean and maximum depths, and volume (Table 1) and the creation of a bottom contour map. *NOTE: This map is for recreational purposes only.*

**Table 1: Physical Characteristics of the Lake**

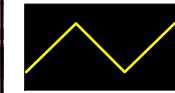
Surface Area (acres):	<u>42.00</u>
Mean Depth (feet):	<u>4.40</u>
Maximum Depth (feet):	<u>13.50</u>
Volume (gallons):	<u>60,836,107</u>



*The lake assessments are created in partnership with Seminole County and the Florida Center for Community Design and Research at USF. If you have any questions, please use the "Contact Us" form on the Seminole Atlas Website ([www.seminole.wateratlas.org](http://www.seminole.wateratlas.org))*

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Section Township Range  
29-20-32



Contour Lines Expressed  
in 2-Ft intervals



Estimated Lake  
Perimeter

## EXPLANATION:

Assessment Date: July 2, 2003

Lake water level was 27.2 ft above sea level when the lake was assessed.

Contours are expressed in absolute depth below this level and may not exclude the presence of submerged aquatic vegetation.

## DATA SOURCES

April 2000 georeferenced Color Infrared Digital Ortho Quarter Quads (DOQQs) obtained from Seminole County GIS Division. All contours generated by Florida Center for Community Design and Research based on GPS/Sonar data provided by the Seminole County Stormwater Division.



0 80 160 320 480 640 Feet



## II. Ecological Data - Aquatic Plant Survey

Approximately equispaced sites (typically ten or more) are mapped around the lake and the aquatic plants at each site are surveyed. The total number of species from all sites is used to approximate the total diversity of aquatic plants and the percent of invasive-exotic plants on the lake and in the watershed (Table 2). Many of these plants are considered ecologically harmful, as they tend to out-compete beneficial native species. Such “nuisance” plants can also make boating and other recreational activities difficult or impossible. The common and scientific names of plant species found on your lake are listed in Table 3.

**Table 2: Comparison of species diversity between the lake and other assessed lakes located within the same watershed**

	<u>Lake</u> ISLAND POND <i>(Average)</i>	<u>Watershed</u> Big Econlockhatchee
Number of Taxa:	29	31
Percent Exotic Plants:	7%	18%

**Table 3: Botanical and common names of the most commonly found plants on the lake. Percent frequency (of occurrence), habit (location where found), status (native or exotic), and EPPC status are provided**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Frequency	Habit	Status	EPPC
Sandweed, Peelbark St. John's-wort	Hypericum fasciculatum	100%	Emergent	Native	NL
Pine Tree	Pinus spp.	100%	Emergent	Native	NL
Southern Umbrellasedge	Fuirena scirpoidea	90%	Emergent	Native	NL
Torpedo Grass	Panicum repens	90%	Emergent	Exotic	I
Yellow-eyed Grass	Xyris spp.	90%	Emergent	Native	NL
Bog Buttons	Lachnocaulon spp.	80%	Emergent	Native	NL
Maidencane	Panicum hemitomon	80%	Emergent	Native	NL
Arrowhead	Sagittaria spp.	80%	Emergent	Native	NL
Bladderwort	Utricularia spp.	70%	Submersed	Native	NL
Asian Pennywort, Coinwort	Centella asiatica	60%	Emergent	Native	NL
Jamaica Swamp Saw Grass	Cladium jamaicense	60%	Emergent	Native	NL
Dahoon Holly	Ilex cassine	60%	Emergent	Native	NL

Carolina Redroot	<i>Lachnanthes caroliniana</i>	50%	Emergent	Native	NL
Southern Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	40%	Emergent	Native	NL
Cinnamon Fern	<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>	40%	Emergent	Native	NL
Sweetbay Magnolia	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	30%	Emergent	Native	NL
Wax Myrtle	<i>Myrica cerifera</i>	30%	Emergent	Native	NL
Royal Fern	<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	30%	Emergent	Native	NL
Bald Cypress	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	30%	Emergent	Native	NL
Algal Mats, Floating	Algal spp.	20%	Floating	Unknown	Unknown
Baldwin's Spikerush, Roadgrass	<i>Eleocharis baldwinii</i>	20%	Submersed	Native	NL
Fourpetal St. John's-Wort	<i>Hypericum tetrapetalum</i>	20%	Emergent	Native	NL
Sedge	<i>Carex</i> spp.	10%	Emergent	Unknown	Unknown
Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	10%	Emergent	Native	NL
Fragrant Flatsedge	<i>Cyperus odoratus</i>	10%	Emergent	Native	NL
Hypericum spp., St. John's Wort	<i>Hypericum</i> spp.	10%	Emergent	Unknown	Unknown
Peruvian Primrosewillow	<i>Ludwigia peruviana</i>	10%	Emergent	Exotic	NL
Climbing Hempvine	<i>Mikania scandens</i>	10%	Emergent	Native	NL
American White Water Lily, Fragrant Water Lily	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>	10%	Floating	Native	NL