



Volunteer Lake Assessment Program Individual Lake Reports

COLD POND, ANDOVER, NH

MORPHOMETRIC DATA
TROPIC CLASSIFICATION
KNOWN EXOTIC SPECIES

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|-----------------------|-------|---------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|------|------|---------------|--|
| Watershed Area (Ac.): | 738 | Max. Depth (m): | 5.5 | Flushing Rate (yr ¹) | 10.7 | Year | Trophic class | |
| Surface Area (Ac.): | 15 | Mean Depth (m): | 2.4 | P Retention Coef: | 0.45 | 1993 | OLIGOTROPIC | |
| Shore Length (m): | 1,000 | Volume (m ³): | 141,500 | Elevation (ft): | 1081 | | | |

The Waterbody Report Card tables are generated from the DRAFT 2020 305(b) report on the status of N.H. waters, and are based on data collected from 2010-2019. Detailed waterbody assessment and report card information can be found at [NHDES' Water Quality Assessment Website](#).

| Designated Use | Parameter | Category | Comments |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--|
| Aquatic Life | Phosphorus (Total) | Cautionary | Limited data for this parameter predicts exceedance of water quality standards or thresholds; however more data are necessary to fully assess the parameter. |
| | pH | Slightly Bad | Data periodically exceed water quality standards or thresholds for this parameter by a small margin. |
| | Oxygen, Dissolved | Cautionary | Limited data for this parameter predicts exceedance of water quality standards or thresholds; however more data are necessary to fully assess the parameter. |
| | Dissolved oxygen satura | Cautionary | Limited data for this parameter predicts exceedance of water quality standards or thresholds; however more data are necessary to fully assess the parameter. |
| | Chlorophyll-a | Very Good | Sampling data is 50 percent better than the water quality standards or thresholds for this parameter. |
| Primary Contact Recreation | Escherichia coli | Encouraging | Limited data for this parameter predicts water quality standards or thresholds are being met; however more data are necessary to fully assess the parameter. |
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VLAP SAMPLE STATION MAP: This map depicts the location of routine sampling stations discussed on page two of the report.



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| STATIONID | STATION NAME |
|-----------|--------------|
| COLANDD | DEEP SPOT |
| COLAND1 | MAIN INLET |
| COLAND2 | 2ND INLET |
| COLANDO | DAM OUTLET |
| COLANDB | BEACH |

Source: The data layers are derived from NHDES data and are under constant revision. NHDES is not responsible for the use or interpretation of this information. Not intended for legal use. NHDES Watershed Management Bureau Date: 2/17/2021





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Cole Pond, Andover 2020 Data Summary

Recommended Actions: Great job sampling in 2020! Increase monitoring frequency, generally once per month in the summer, to better assess seasonal and annual variations in water quality. Pond chlorophyll (algal growth) levels remain very low however nutrient (phosphorus) levels tend to fluctuate around the threshold for oligotrophic lakes. The increased frequency and intensity of storm events, earlier ice-out and warmer water temperatures highlight the importance of managing stormwater runoff, erosion and pollutant loading to the pond. Evaluate areas prone to stormwater runoff such as beaches and boat launches and install stormwater management devices to better protect the pond. NHDES' "NH Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Management" is a great resource. Keep up the great work!

Observations (Refer to Table 1 and Historical Deep Spot Data Graphics)

- ◆ **Chlorophyll-a:** Chlorophyll level was within a very low range in July, decreased slightly from 2019, and was much less than the state median and the threshold for oligotrophic lakes. Visual inspection of historical data indicates relatively stable chlorophyll levels since monitoring began.
- ◆ **Conductivity/Chloride:** Epilimnetic (upper water layer), Hypolimnetic (lower water layer), 2nd Inlet, Beach, and Outlet conductivity and/or chloride levels remained within a low range for NH lakes and were less than the state medians. Visual inspection of historical data indicates decreasing (improving) epilimnetic conductivity levels since monitoring began.
- ◆ **Color:** Apparent color measured in the epilimnion indicates the water was clear, with little to no tea, or brown coloring.
- ◆ **Total Phosphorus:** Epilimnetic and Outlet phosphorus levels were within a low range. Epilimnetic phosphorus level decreased slightly from 2019, was less than the state median, and was approximately equal to the threshold for oligotrophic lakes. Visual inspection of historical data indicates variable epilimnetic phosphorus levels since monitoring began. Hypolimnetic and Beach phosphorus levels were within a moderate range for oligotrophic lakes. 2nd Inlet phosphorus level was slightly elevated, the turbidity of the sample was also elevated, and lab data noted organic matter in the sample.
- ◆ **Transparency:** Transparency measured with (VS) and without (NVS) the viewscope was high (good) and within an average range for the pond. NVS transparency increased (improved) slightly from 2019 and was much higher (better) than the state median. Visual inspection of historical data indicates stable NVS transparency since monitoring began.
- ◆ **Turbidity:** Epilimnetic, Beach and Outlet turbidity levels were within a low range. Hypolimnetic phosphorus level was within a low range, but was slightly above average for this station. 2nd Inlet turbidity level was elevated and organic matter was noted in the sample.
- ◆ **pH:** Epilimnetic pH level was within the desirable range 6.5-8.0 units. Visual inspection of historical data indicates variable epilimnetic pH levels since monitoring began. Hypolimnetic, 2nd Inlet, Beach, and Outlet pH levels were slightly acidic and potentially critical to aquatic life.

| Station Name | Table 1. 2020 Average Water Quality Data for COLD POND - ANDOVER | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|------|----------------|------|
| | Alk. (mg/L) | Chlor-a (ug/L) | Chloride (mg/L) | Color (pcu) | Cond. (us/cm) | Total P (ug/L) | Trans. (m) | | Turb. (ntu) | pH |
| | | | | | | | NVS | VS | | |
| Epilimnion | 3.4 | 0.78 | 3 | 20 | 11.8 | 8 | 5.40 | 5.85 | 0.17 | 6.99 |
| Hypolimnion | | | | | 12.2 | 11 | | | 0.73 | 5.64 |
| 2nd Inlet | | | | | 12.4 | 15 | | | 12.2 | 5.61 |
| Beach | | | | | 12.0 | 10 | | | 0.29 | 5.85 |
| Dam Outlet | | | | | 12.0 | 8 | | | 0.19 | 6.04 |

NH Median Values: Median values for specific parameters generated from historic lake monitoring data.
Alkalinity: 4.5 mg/L
Chlorophyll-a: 4.39 ug/L
Conductivity: 42.3 uS/cm
Chloride: 5 mg/L
Total Phosphorus: 11 ug/L
Transparency: 3.3 m
pH: 6.6

NH Water Quality Standards: Numeric criteria for specific parameters. Results exceeding criteria are considered a water quality violation.
Chloride: > 230 mg/L (chronic)
E. coli: > 88 cts/100 mL – public beach
E. coli: > 406 cts/100 mL – surface waters
Turbidity: > 10 NTU above natural level
pH: between 6.5-8.0 (unless naturally occurring)

Historical Water Quality Trend Analysis

| Parameter | Trend | Explanation | Parameter | Trend | Explanation |
|-----------------|-------|---|-------------------------|-------|---|
| Conductivity | N/A | Ten years of consecutive data necessary for trend analysis. | Chlorophyll-a | N/A | Ten years of consecutive data necessary for trend analysis. |
| pH (epilimnion) | N/A | Ten years of consecutive data necessary for trend analysis. | Transparency | N/A | Ten years of consecutive data necessary for trend analysis. |
| | | | Phosphorus (epilimnion) | N/A | Ten years of consecutive data necessary for trend analysis. |

