

<p style="text-align: center;">PENNSYLVANIA IMPORTANT MAMMAL AREA #38 Long Pond Preserve</p>
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COUNTY(IES) Monroe

APPROX. SIZE 6,000 acres

OWNERSHIP Public (State, Local), Private

REASON FOR SELECTION

- Supports significant populations of species or subspecies with specific habitat requirements
- Contains a rare, threatened, or unique habitat type important to mammals
- Sustains a confirmed viable local population of a Species of Greatest Conservation Need and the species or subspecies regularly occurs at the site during one or more seasons

DESCRIPTION

Located south of I-80 near the community of Long Pond (and near the Pocono International Raceway), Long Pond represents the most unique inland freshwater wetland in the state. Shrubby habitats and coniferous woodlands surround the site, which also includes scrub oak/pitch pine barrens.

MAMMAL NOTES

This IMA is home to a whole suite of carnivores, including bobcat, black bear, and northern river otter. Snowshoe hares have also been recorded.

CONSERVATION NOTES

The area protects an array of special concern plant species. It is an osprey release site, and American bittern and northern harrier also occur. Designated IBA #64, a significant portion is owned by The Nature Conservancy and it is included in their list of "Last Great Places." Habitat succession and pressures from development and highway construction are ongoing threats.