

## Melbourne Lake Game Sanctuary



This sanctuary was established in 1963 for the protection of waterfowl habitat at the request of the Yarmouth County Fish and Game Association. Melbourne Lake provides important habitat for waterfowl, particularly as a fall concentration area and for overwintering. The lake is tidal and is therefore kept relatively free of ice. An extensive dense stand of eel grass exists over most of the lake. The total area of the sanctuary is 222.7 hectares and includes the tidal lake and a strip of land within 100 yards of the high water mark. All land above the mean high water mark is privately owned. The lake and wetlands total 144 hectares. The upland is made up of 58 hectares of forested land and 21 hectares of agriculture and built-up land. Hunting and trapping are prohibited.