

Massabesic Lake—Candia NH

Quick Facts

Distance: 20 miles (~25 mins)

Convenience: Very Good

Restrictions: Water Supply—No Swimming

Parking: Excellent

Ease of Launch: Excellent—flat and close to car

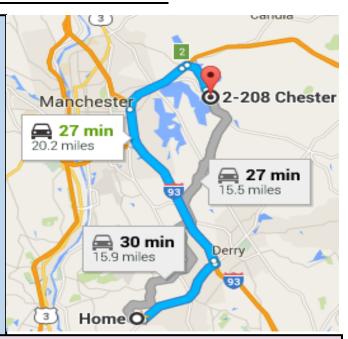
Wind Factor: Rough in moderate to strong wind

Nature: Very Good—Mostly natural shoreline

Est. Time: Allow 2—3 hours

Traffic: Moderate

Other Interests: Park offers good walking trails



Observations:

Massabesic Lake is a water supply for Manchester area. Therefore you must wear rubber boots when launching boats. They patrol the launch area frequently and can assess fines for violations. I suggest launch from the Candia side of the lake at Clair's Landing. Launch area is convenient and parking is plentiful. Once launched, you can paddle to the right along the peninsula where the is a natural area. Water is calmer in the cove but once you breach the main lake, winds can make water very choppy. We tend to stick close to shore along right side of lake. Depending on time, you can paddle the perimeter or cross over to other side and return. It is a beautiful setting but motor boats can be plentiful in high season and weekends. Lake measures 2.5 mi long and 1 mil wide. You can return home on Rt 121 south which is a scenic drive through Chester and avoid any traffic on Rt 93 S. There are some great walking trails and picnic area as well as park on the Manchester side. It is definitely worth the trip!







Launch Area

Nature Area

Calm Day

Directions

Exit HW on RT 102. Go left on Rt 102 and follow to Rt 93 N. Take 93N to exit 7 Rt 101 East. Take exit 2 and turn right heading south on Hooskett Rd. After approx. 2 mils boat launch is on right.

