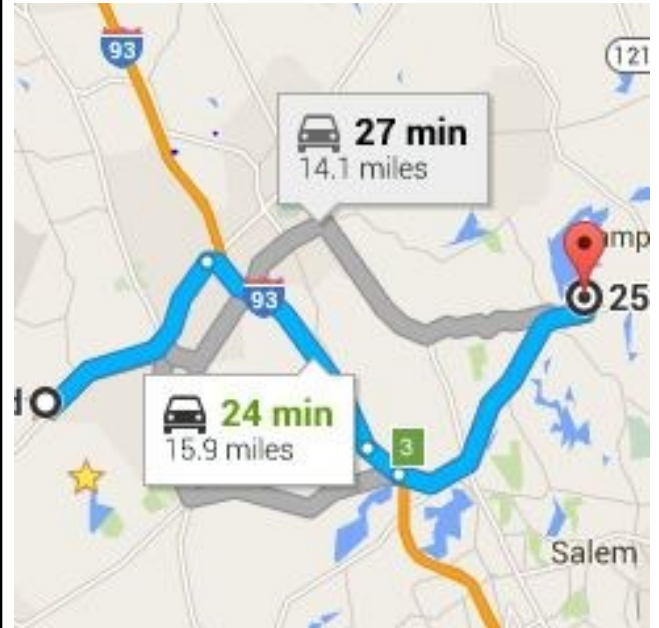




Big Island Pond—Salem NH

Quick Facts

Distance:	16 miles (~25 mins)
Convenience:	Excellent
Restrictions:	None
Parking:	Fair (limited spaces)
Ease of Launch:	Good (need to carry boats down stairs)
Wind Factor:	Difficult in Strong/Moderate Winds
Nature:	Very Good
Est. Time:	Allow 1.5—2.5 hours
Traffic:	Moderate—more in high season
Other Interests:	None



Observations:

Big Island Pond is a gem! It combines areas of natural beauty and undisturbed shoreline with cottages. Not recommended on windy days as white caps are prevalent. The parking is limited but since it is tucked away on a one-way road, we have never had an issue parking. The launch area is convenient. Park your car in front of the stairs leading to dock. Once unloaded, park your car to the right up the road a few yards. Our favorite route is to paddle around the launch cover, if winds are OK, we paddle north around the peninsula to the east. Immediately after you clear it, go to the right and go into the marsh areas. Continue north around Governor's Island to your left. You will pass under a small bridge leading to island. Continue north and go around the island to the left. Prevailing winds should allow you to coast back to launch. If you have time, paddle to western shore, There are some great little coves and secluded areas. Big Island Pond offers something for everyone!



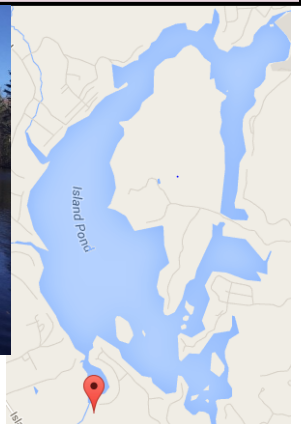
Launch Area



Dock & Stairs



Launch cove



Directions

Exit HW on RT 102. Take left heading east on Rt 102. Go South on Rt 93 to Exit 3. Take left off exit heading east on Rt 111. Go 5.3 mi. and take left on Waters Edge Rd. Look for Brookstone Golf course on left and Waters Edge is next left. Take quick 1st Right on Stickney Rd. Go .2 mi and launch area is on right. Park in front of stairs then move car to parking area on right.