

### **HUFF POND FOREST**

A large Vermont forestland property with shoreline frontage along ±38-acre Huff Pond, a pond-side home site option, and excellent long-term timber appreciation opportunity.



362 Grand List Acres Sudbury, Rutland County, Vermont

Price: \$425,000



#### PROPERTY OVERVIEW

The property is well suited to those seeking a large, forested landscape with a water amenity for estate development, supported by asset appreciation from a managed, long-term timber resource.

Property highlights include:

- Attractive location in west-central Vermont, situated at the edge of a transitional zone of forestland and agricultural land;
- · Easily accessible shoreline along ±38-acre Huff Pond:
- Home sites possible near the pond and/or on the northern side of the property along Fiddle Hill Road;
- Managed timber resource with high quality stands, perfectly positioned for future growth and appreciation;
- taxes (\$1.013/vear) developed access into the land on both sides of the property.

# View of the pond from the land's shoreline. With a dock out past the lower water depth, swimming should be possible.

#### LOCATION

The property is located in the town of Sudbury (population 580), in a rural, primarily forested area of west-central Vermont, where scattered homes are situated along the town roads. This area offers abundant water resources with many lakes and ponds nearby including Beebe Pond, Echo Lake, Lake Hortonia, Hinkom Pond, Sunset Lake and, of course, Burr Pond. Just south and east of the property is a largely forested landscape; however, to the north and west, the area gives way to the more level, agricultural lands of the Lake Champlain valley where farms define the landscape.



The property's forest canopy, with the Green Mountain Range in the background to the northeast.

Sudbury does not have a town center with concentrated commerce, instead there is the hamlet of Sudbury, located at the junctions of Routes 73 and 30, and situated 1.6 miles from the property.

The largest nearby village is Brandon which is a 12-minute drive to the east. Brandon has a vibrant Main Street with various Inns, banks, shops and restaurants, as well as a community of fine homes.

Burlington is a 70-minute drive to the north. Rutland, Vermont's second largest city is a 35-minute drive to the south with Killington Ski Resort a 45-minute drive. Boston is a 3.25-hour drive to the southeast.



#### **ACCESS**

The property has two access points. The southern end of the property near the pond is accessed by a 50' wide legal right-of-way off Huff Pond Road that runs ±880' to the property boundary. Once on the land, the road runs a short distance to the edge of the northern side of the pond where there is a large clearing. From this point numerous well defined woods trails run throughout the land with most well suited to hiking, skiing and ATV use.

The northern end of the property has ±440' of frontage along Fiddle Hill Road, a town-maintained gravel road with electric power and cable service. The nearby homes along this road are well maintained and quite nice. From the road frontage, a well-constructed internal access road heads south into the property for ±1,980', ending at a large clearing. From this point, well established



View of Huff Pond from Huff Pond Road. The land's access road is just north of this spot and its shoreline is in view.

woods trails run south into the property, and many eventually connect up with the Huff Pond side of the property.

#### **TAXES & TITLE**

The <u>entire</u> property IS enrolled in the State of Vermont's Use Value Appraisal (UVA) program. The plan for the property is due to be updated in 2029. Annual taxes in 2019 were \$1,013.31.

Good and marketable title to the property exists. The property is not surveyed; however, the boundary lines are well-monumented and secure. The Warranty Deed is recorded in Book 34, Page 77 in the offices of the Town of Sudbury.



This picture is taken at the land's shoreline while out on a fallen tree beyond the grassy shore.



#### SITE DESCRIPTION

One of the property's defining attributes is its ±1,100' of frontage along the north side of Huff Pond. The pond covers roughly ±38 acres and is undeveloped except for 3 homes on its southern shoreline. The pond is fed from a steam that originates on the property and its outlet is a stream on the south side of Huff Pond Road. The western side of the pond is shallow, while the northern end (where the stream enters the pond along the property's frontage) and the eastern shoreline provide a water depth suitable for a dock from which swimming is The pond area is quiet and possible. scenic; an ideal location to develop a homesite that looks over the pond. northern side of the property (at the end of the access road leading from Fiddle Hill Road) offers an additional building site option with local views and privacy.



Recently thinned hardwood stand with retained stems of high quality sawlogs.

The property's terrain is generally quite variable and undulating, with many short hillsides, valleys and hilltop peaks. Signal Hill is entirely on the property and is its highest elevation at 1,089' ASL. The slopes leading to this peak are rocky with exposed ledge, an interesting hiking destination. The low point of the property is along the Fiddle Hill Road frontage at an elevation of 600'. While the land does not have much variation from its low and high elevation, the terrain is quite variable with all aspects present and many small ravines and hill tops.

The entire property is forested with the exception of a few small clearings at the end of each access road and a wetland area with semi-open water created by beavers. Soils are largely well drained and productive as is evident from species indicators such as maiden hair fern, basswood and sugar maple.



In view is the property's shoreline frontage (excluding the extreme left and right side of the photo).



#### **TIMBER RESOURCE**

The Lathrop Family has owned the property since 1998 and have conducted exemplary forest management activities during their ownership tenure.

The property's forest management plan delineates 4 forest stands with the majority of the forest resource consisting of northern hardwoods and red oak species. Softwoods are a minor species component with scattered white pine at the land's southern end, and hemlock and other miscellaneous softwoods species found in stand 4 and widely scattered at the land's northern end.

Stand 1 (117 acres) was last thinned in 2011-2012 and is currently fully stocked. The balance of the forest (stands 2-4) were all thinned in 2018



Thinned sawlog stand; future timber asset appreciation should be strong.

-2019. The silvicultural activity focused on concentrating growth on the best stems so these stands are well suited to future asset appreciation of high quality stems.

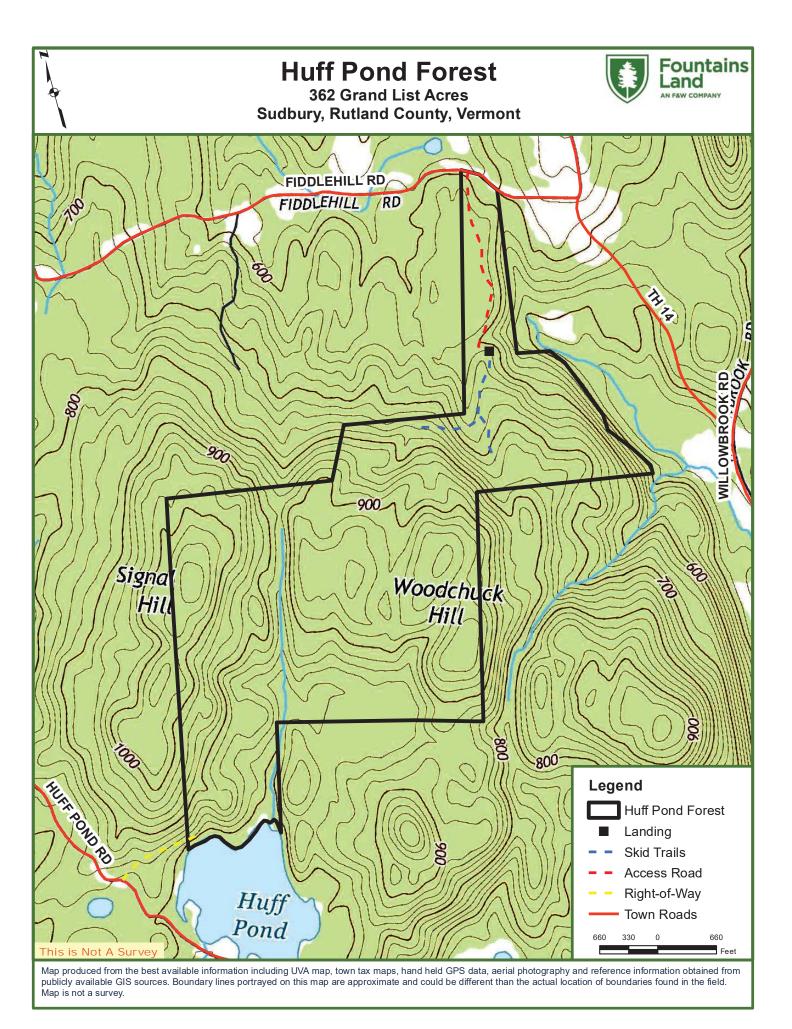
While there is no current timber valuation, the standing timber value on the forest is likely close to \$300,000 (\$835/acre) which is based on a rough ocular estimate from the author of this report, forester Michael Tragner.



View from the land's pond frontage to the western side of the pond.

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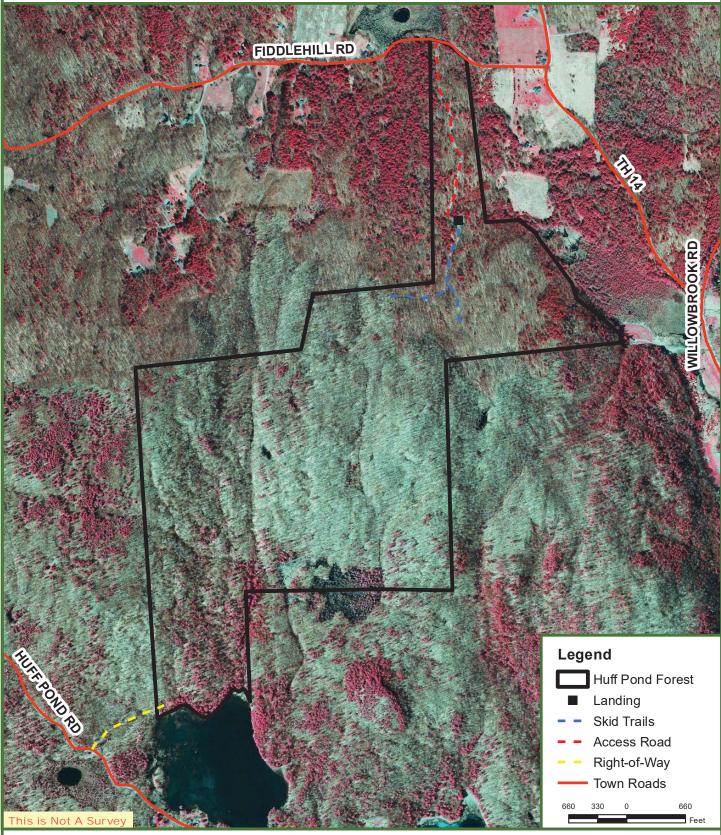


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Map produced from the best available information including UVA map, town tax maps, hand held GPS data, aerial photography and reference information obtained from publicly available GIS sources. Boundary lines portrayed on this map are approximate and could be different than the actual location of boundaries found in the field. Map is not a survey.



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