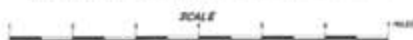




*Depth Soundings in Feet*

SOUNDINGS TAKEN BY FISHERIES BRANCH



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**L**AST MOUNTAIN LAKE extends north and slightly easterly from the Valley of the Appennin. Locally, it is often called Long Lake, which is understandable in view of the fact that it is some 15 miles in length and seldom exceeds a couple of miles in width.

With regard to fish, the lake is one of the most productive in the province. This is fortunate, because it is located in the central part of the province, adjacent to some of the best farming areas and within a two-hour drive of the major centers of population. It is accessible via literally dozens of highways, roads and trails, and has several well-developed tourist and summer resorts.

## GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES

**GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES:** Last Mountain Lake has a surface area of 86 square miles, a mean depth of 23 feet and a maximum depth of 96 feet. There are several inlets, the main one being the Arty River. The outlet is Long Lake Creek, which flows into the Saskatchewan River at Chisno.

Laurel Mountain Lake derives its name from an orchard on the grounds a few miles east of the center of the lake. Although the long sloping sides of the hill make it unimpressive at close range, it looms blue on the horizon at a distance, and probably served as a landmark to early traders and buffalo hunters on their way west from the Southeast Hills.

The shores on the northern portion of the lake are flat and shallow, while the central Grandview area has steep shores. The Nagana Beach area to the south is shallow, like the north, but redeposited.

Many summer cottages and lodges have been established at such summer resorts as Longview Beach, Jacksonton Beach, Bayona Beach, Grandview, Easton Beach, Glen Harbor, Elmer's Beach, Pryor's (Big Arm) and Arlington Beach.

LAST MOUNTAIN LAKE BIRD SANCTUARY AND GAME PRESERVE

The northern portion of the lake is ideal as a nesting area for waterfowl migrating to and from their nesting grounds to the north. In fact, it is one of the most important nesting grounds for waterfowl, and is one of the best breeding grounds in the agricultural area for colonial nesting birds like the pelican and cormorant. The dunes also provide an excellent nesting ground for shorebirds and ducks. Game management men of the Natural Resources Department are at present attempting to re-establish game nesting in the area.

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## SPORT FISHING

In spite of its central location and well developed summer resort and tourist facilities, Lost Mountain Lake can well support further extensive angling. There are 15 or more species of fish in the lake. These include pickerel (or wall-eyed), perch and northern pike, which are the most important sport fish.

Greatly speaking, the best angling for walleye and northern pike is to be found in the less heavily forested northern portion of the lake. Many specimens of pickerel and perch taken in Lad Mountain Lake have been successful entries in the Angler's Game in past years.

The depth soundings shown on the map were taken by a Fisheries Biological Unit that has studied the lake in order that its game and commercial fisheries may be managed on a sound scientific basis. The map is published as a guide to anglers who may not be completely familiar with all areas of the lake.

## CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS:

**COMMERCIAL FISHING:** Since Lost Mountain Lake is primarily a sport fishing lake, commercial fishing operations are limited to "seaside" operations such as bullhead fish and clam. Each year approximately three quarters of a million pounds of these species are removed in order to utilize the crop of muskie fish and to maintain a healthy stock of bass and game species. If coarse fish were allowed to become the major crop, "seaside" waters such as pike and walleye would not take so readily to the angler's lure, due to the overabundance of natural food.

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**HISTORICAL** In the early days, the Last Mountain Lake area provided fish, buffalo, and hunting lands for a community made of Ojib and Blackfoot Indians. The main gathering place in the 1800's was along the shore of the lake. To the west were the great Buffalo Plains, and away across the lake sat Last Mountain House, built in 1880 with the Hudson's Bay Company's lease. Come to the lake and you could see the mountains to the north and east also traded on the shores of Last Mountain Lake. Especially in the early days, the Hudson's Bay Company were followed by Métis and cowboys and the whiskey business who came over the U.S. border, offering many of the Indians away from the

An settlement began to bloom in the first decade of the present century. Federal government began to plan the layout of the lake and organization of the Wilson. Previous established lumber yards, lumber facilities, local companies and barging services based on the line water route provided by the lake. As settlement progressed and roads and railways were built, most such businesses gradually withdrew their operations, though at certain points the grey tower of lignite is still visible, as evidence of human activities.



### LAST MOUNTAIN LAKE



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**POWERS, or WALLERS** — saysings these parents, but different opinions have been known. The former is held, taking immediate toll of expense; the latter with a variety of facts against this highly-praised fact. In writing, these facts will be marked in haste to prevent dragging. Powers (also known as wallers) and wallers: how much of artificial facts too, and light vigorously when needed.



**FEBRUARY**—average weight under a pound. Nevertheless, much thought often is left to guess and peer talk. Swims in adults or machines (dipnets and traps) in sample size kept constant to search for an effect.



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**FREE—**Only the largest water  
containers can take from the  
well-trodden path. A heavy  
ball is weighted one will  
reach the eight foot depths to  
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height in natural bath.