

The Seven Sectors of the Lake

To best understand the historical diversity of the lake, the authors of the book *From Horn Pond to Pequawket Lake* thought it best to divide the lake into sectors to understand its history. Three main parameters were used in defining sectors: (1) A fairly consistent number of cottages per sector resulting in an average number of 24 cottages for each; (2) geographical location and wholeness; and (3) social connectedness.

Naming the sectors was a challenge. **THREE** of the sectors are named according to **compass points** on the **main body** of the lake (NW, NE, SW). **THREE** sectors are best defined not by compass points, but by three distinct and unique **geographical features** (Crescent, Peninsula, Outlet).

The Crescent sector, just south of the NE sector, is thought by some lake residents to be “the” cove (i.e., the only true cove on the eastern shore). In addition to “crescent”, some residents on the eastern shore refer to it as the “big” cove or the “deep” cove (protruding deep into the shoreline, not water depth).

The Peninsula sector is unique in that it comprises the only peninsula on the lake, has western, southern and eastern shores, and has its “own” cove, called by some the “back” cove.

The Outlet sector, while definitely at the south end of the lake (not to be confused with the SW shore of the main body), is the sector most distinct from the main body of the lake. It does have both western and eastern shores, divided by a brook and a dam. In terms of social connectedness, it is most interesting to note that friends sometimes visit friends on the opposite shore of this sector not only by paddle boats, but by wading across at low tide!

Only **ONE** sector, Recreation, is defined both by its complete lack of family cottages and its sole purpose as a public recreational area, including the only official boat ramp on the lake.