

STERLING POND
T13 R7, Aroostook Co.
U.S.G.S. Greenlaw, Winterville, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) Minnows
 Redbelly dace
 Blacknose dace

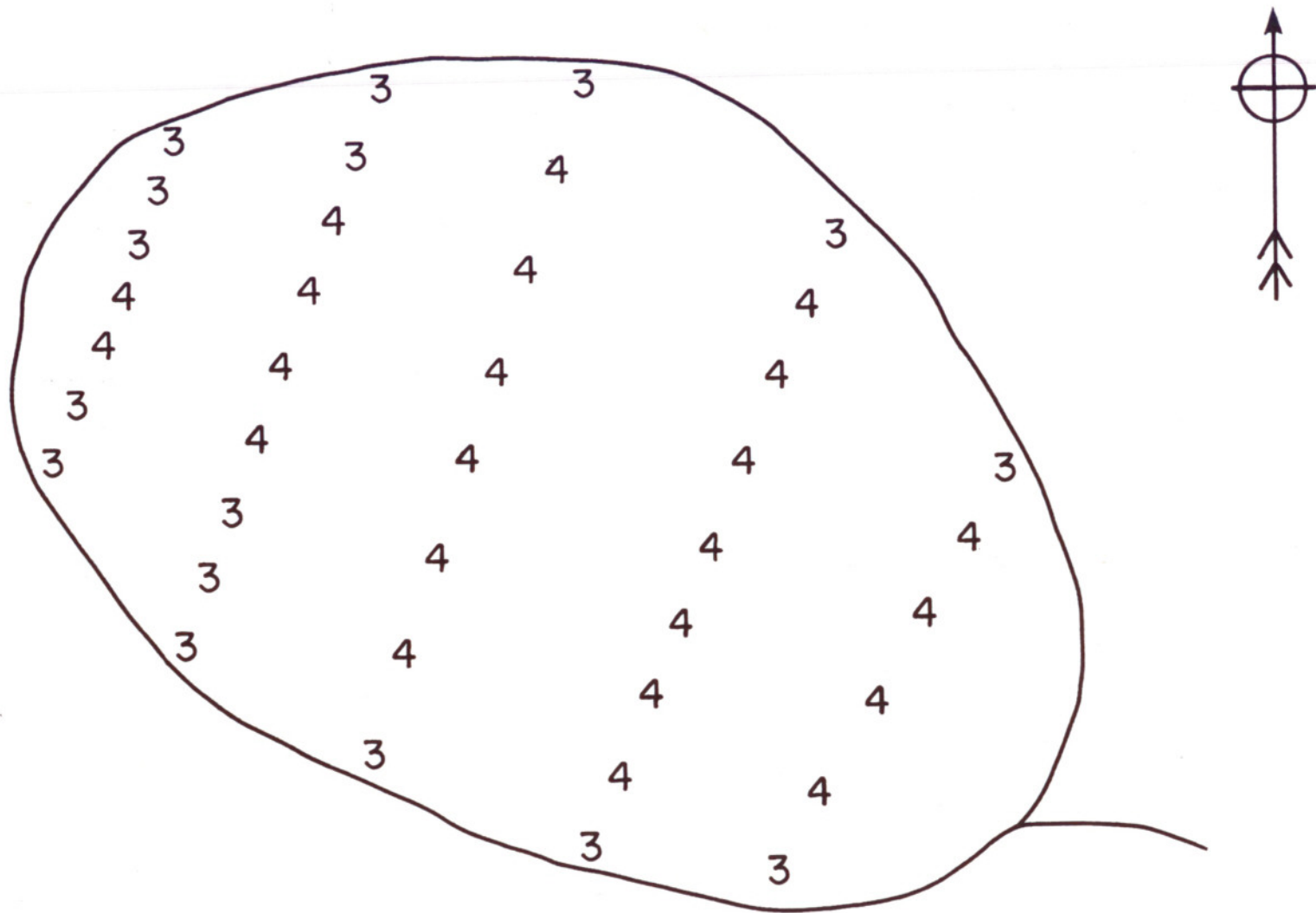
Physical Characteristics

Area - 38 acres Temperatures
 Surface - 66° F.
Maximum depth - 4 feet 4 feet - 66° F.

Sterling Pond is a shallow pond surrounded by low-lying softwood growth. The pond level has been raised about 2 feet by a beaver dam at the outlet. Pond water temperatures are about equal at all depths and become warm during hot weather. Limited areas of spring influence are present, and Sterling Pond is considered to be a borderline trout pond.

Brook trout were reportedly present in the pond in past years, but none were taken in the survey collections. Some trout may still be present, but if so, the population must be very limited. Several anglers have reported fishing the pond without success during the last year. It is possible that the former trout population may have been reduced because of inadequate spawning areas or from winterkill as a result of oxygen depletion under the ice in the winter. Stocking of trout is not justified because of the present light fishing pressure and the borderline nature of the pond.

Sterling Pond is accessible by a ½-mile trail from an unimproved jeep road.



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