

CRYSTAL POND
T40 MD, Hancock Co.
U.S.G.S. West Lake, ME (7½')

Fishes

Brook trout
Minnows
Golden shiner

Physical characteristics

Area - 19 acres
Temperatures
Surface - 71°F.
Maximum depth - 45 feet
43 feet - 45°F.

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Crystal Pond is a clear water kettlehole pond lying alongside a glacial esker in northern Hancock County. The pond is surrounded by a predominately red pine forest with some spruce and fir along the west side. Shrub vegetation grows up to the immediate shoreline all around the pond except where the access site is located.

Water quality is excellent for coldwater fishes. The pond stratifies during the summer months and there is sufficient oxygen in the deeper, cooler water to support trout. There were no fish in the pond at the time of the original survey. Different species including brook trout were gradually introduced over the years. In 1975, the pond was chemically treated to remove all fish and in 1976 brook trout were stocked. The pond is currently stocked with brook trout each year and provides a very good fishery. Golden shiners are the only other species that has been introduced, illegally, and have become established in the pond. Care should be taken not to allow introduction of any more fish species.

There are no inlets or permanent outlets to the pond. There is a low area at the northwest corner of the pond where outflow may occur at very high water levels. There is no apparent

trout spawning habitat in the pond, so the fishery will be maintained by stocking.

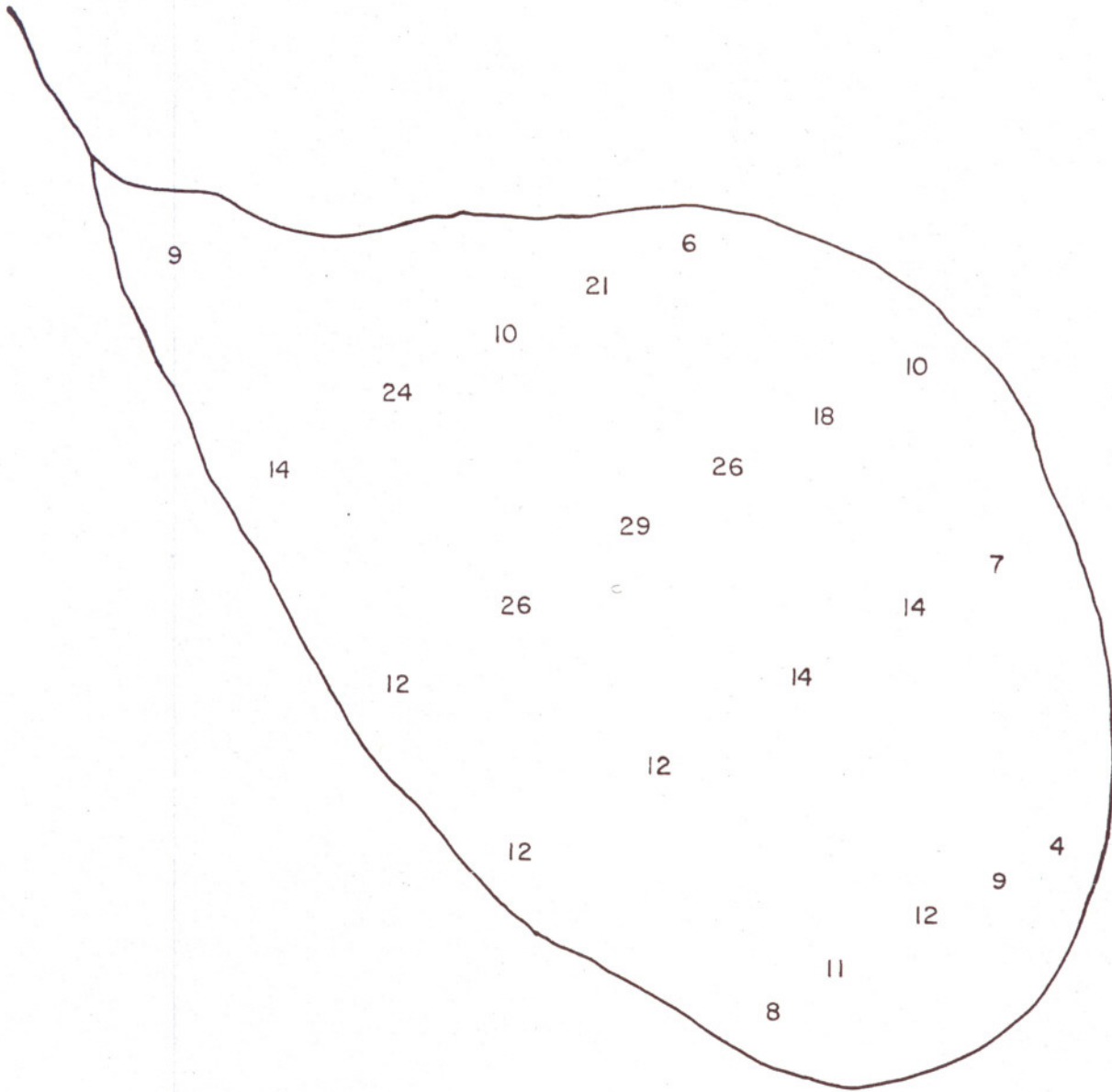
The pond is closed to ice fishing and to the use of live fish as bait.

Crystal Pond is easily accessible from the Oxhead Road which runs along the esker. A short carry is necessary from the parking area to the pond.

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ONE TENTH MILE