

HAMILTON POND

Bar Harbor, Hancock Co.
U.S.G.S. Salsbury Cove, Me. (71/2')

Fishes

Largemouth bass	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Chain Pickerel	Banded Killifish
American eel	Common sucker

Minnnows:

Golden shiner

Physical Characteristics

Area - 51 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth 7 feet

Surface - 71°F

7 feet - 71°F

Principal Fishery: Largemouth bass, Chain pickerel

Hamilton's Pond was created in the early 1900's when that portion of Stony Brook was dammed for agricultural purposes. That area of the brook now flooded back was once clear, cold, and springy, holding brook trout. The pond is very shallow and choked with submergent and emergent aquatic vegetation and tree stumps, making good warm water species habitat.

In the mid 1900's chain pickerel were illegally stocked into the pond and started providing a winter and open water fishery. These pickerel remain small with an average length of 10" to 12" inches. In the summer of

1993 Inland Fisheries & Wildlife biologists helped by children from the Bar Harbor YMCA outdoor youth camp, collected 60, four to ten inch largemouth bass from Lily Pond in Gouldsboro and stocked them into Hamilton's Pond to augment the fishery. Subsequent checks have revealed that the bass are now reproducing and some of the stocked fish are up to 3 pounds. The pond has now become a popular fishing spot and area anglers are calling for tighter regulations to protect the larger bass.

The pond is located on Mount Desert Island, along side Route 3, opposite the village of Salsbury Cove. There is a carry-in launch site for small boats off the Crooked Road causeway and the launch is also a popular site bank fishermen.

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Hamilton Lake
Bar Harbor, Hancock Co.
Acadia National Park Quadrangle
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