

THREEMILE POND
China, Vassalboro, and Windsor Twps.,
Kennebec Co.
U.S.G.S. Vassalboro, Me

Fishes

Brown trout	Common shiner
Rainbow smelt	Fallfish (chub)
Smallmouth bass	White sucker
Largemouth bass	Hornpout (bullhead)
White perch	Banded killifish
Yellow perch	Fourspine stickleback
Chain pickerel	Redbreast sunfish
Minnnows	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Golden shiner	American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 1,162 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 75°F
Maximum depth - 37 feet	32 feet - 64°F

Principal fisheries: Brown trout, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel

Threemile Pond, located a few miles east of Augusta, is a major water in the Seven Mile Stream drainage. An excellent state-owned boat launch located off Route 3 provides access to the pond.

Threemile Pond provides excellent habitat for warmwater gamefishes. Anglers can probe the boulder strewn shoreline and several submerged rocky shoals for smallmouth and largemouth bass. Bass fishing here is good, with many fish growing to exceptional size. Pickerel and white perch are abundant and provide good action for both summer and winter anglers.

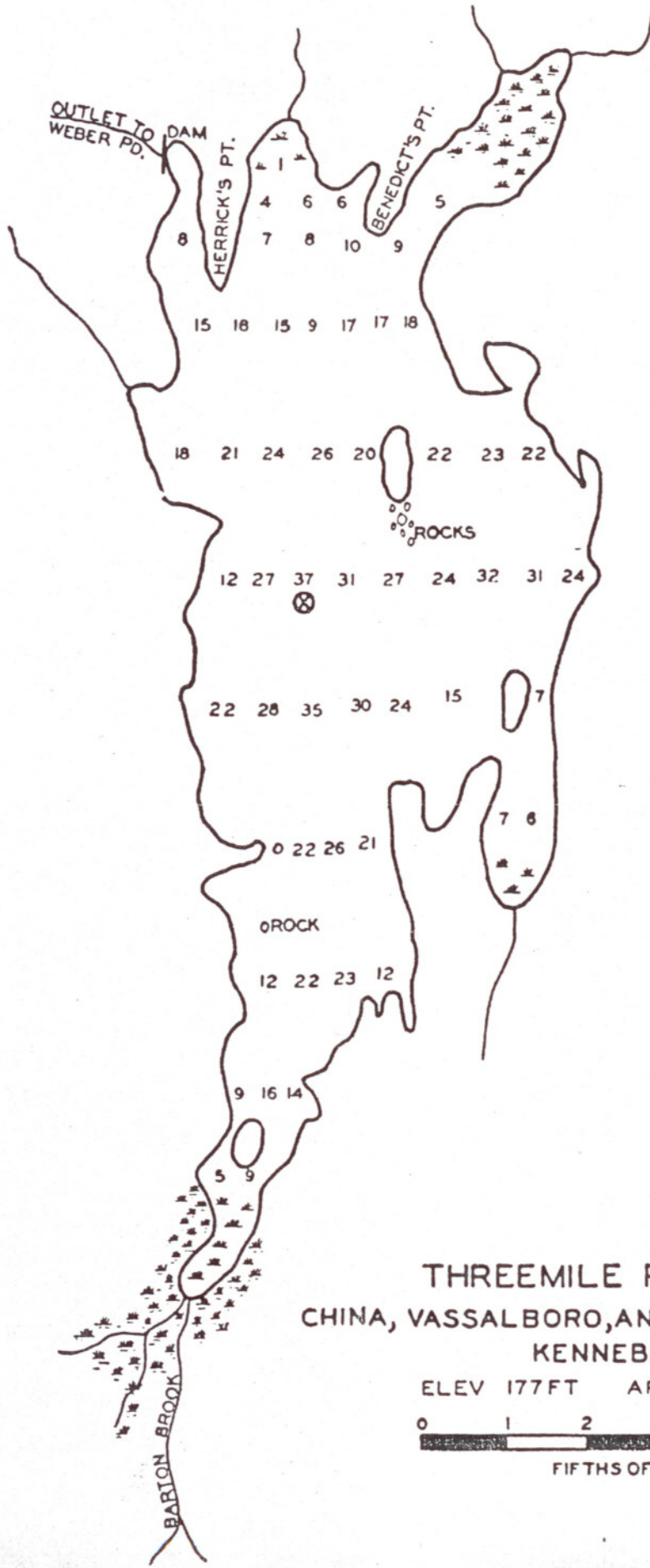
Brown trout are present and add another dimension to Threemile's diverse fisheries. Because the pond lacks adequate spawning and nursery areas for wild production, the trout fishery must be maintained through an annual stocking program.

Threemile Pond has been plagued with severe algal blooms in recent years. In 1988, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, with cooperation from federal and local agencies, conducted a water quality restoration project. The primary objective of the project was to immobilize nutrients present in the bottom sediments. These nutrients were acting to fuel excessive algal growth during the summer months. The project also involved certain land use controls to reduce nutrient

loading from farmland and residential developments. Improved water quality should benefit the pond's brown trout and smelt populations.

Anglers can assist the Department in monitoring Threemile Pond's fisheries by recording the results of their fishing trips in a diary. Booklets suitable for maintaining a fishing diary can be obtained, free of charge, from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in Augusta, Maine.

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