

NORTH POND

Sumner Twp., Oxford Co., Me.
U.S.G.S. West Sumner, Me., (7.5')

Fishes

Brook trout
Rainbow smelt
Smallmouth bass
Yellow perch
Chain pickerel

Minnows
Golden shiner
Fallfish
White sucker
Hornpout (bullhead)
Redbreast sunfish
Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 158 acres

Maximum depth - 50 feet

Temperatures:

Surface - 75°F

50 feet - 46°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout, and smallmouth bass

North Pond, located north of Buckfield, serves as a backup water supply pond for the town of Buckfield. The water district owns most of the undeveloped land around the pond, which creates a remote setting.

An abundance of cool, well-oxygenated water and a prolific smelt population provide qualities necessary for coldwater fisheries management. Splake, a cross between brook trout and lake trout, were stocked from 1988-2006, but were canceled due to poor performance during their later years. When splake were canceled, brook trout stockings were modified from spring yearlings (10-12 inches) to fall yearlings (12-14 inches) to accommodate impacts from heavy competition. Fall yearling size brook trout provide better angling opportunities for both ice and open water anglers than spring yearlings.

The shallow, rocky shoreline along the eastern shore provides a limited amount of suitable habitat for smallmouth bass spawning and nursery. As a result, smallmouth bass are present, but in small numbers. The smallmouths utilize the abundant smelt population, as well as juvenile yellow perch for forage, and their growth is excellent.

Access to North Pond is available only by permissive trespass, since there is no developed public access for boats. A four wheel drive road to the dam, provides limited opportunity for summertime access. A gated road off the Sumner Hill Road is also available for walk-in access.

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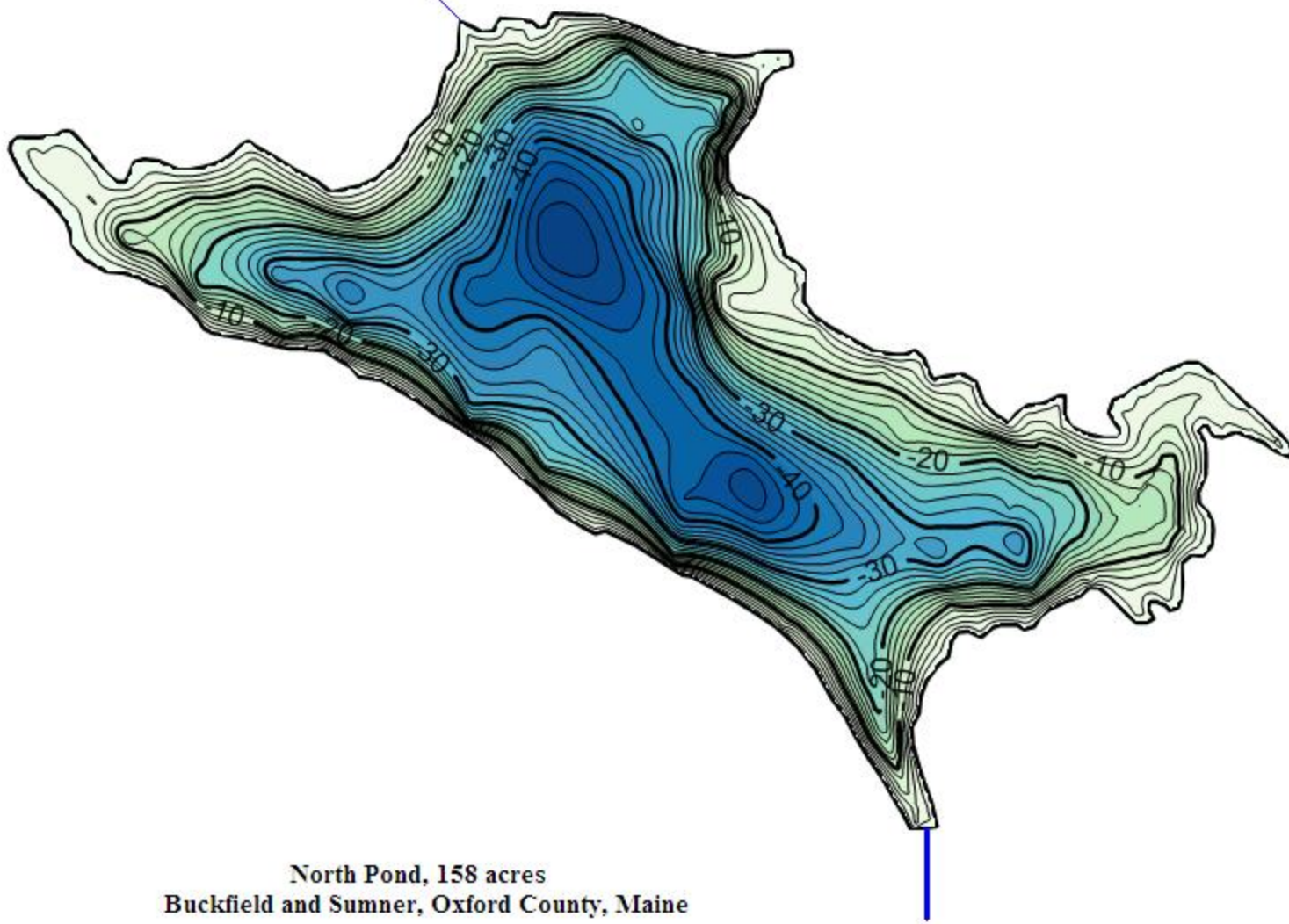
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