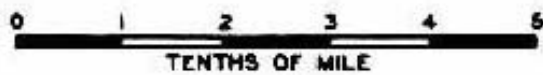


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BEAR POND

WATERFORD TWP OXFORD CO MAINE

ELEV 375 FT AREA 218 ACRES



BEAR POND

Waterford Twp., Oxford Co.
U.S.G.S. Waterford Flat, Me. (7 1/2')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon	Chain pickerel
Lake trout	Minnows
Brook trout	Golden shiner
Splake	Fallfish
Rainbow smelt	White sucker
Smallmouth bass	Hornpout (bullhead)
Largemouth bass	Pumpkinseed sunfish
White perch	Slimy sculpin
Yellow perch	American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 218 acres

Temperatures:

Maximum depth - 72 feet

Surface - 77°F

67 feet - 45°F

Principal fisheries: Landlocked salmon, lake trout, brook trout, splake, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, chain pickerel

Bear Pond is a small, productive, oligotrophic water located in southern Oxford County. This water produces a few quality fish, but its small size limits the numbers of sizeable fish.

Both salmon and brook trout spawn successfully in a branch of the main inlet called Mutiny Brook. However, these fisheries are sustained by annual stocking due to an abundance of predatory fish and limited nursery habitat. Salmon stocking was discontinued in the mid 1980's as a result of poor growth and returns, but was reinstated in 1994 for future re-evaluation. The lake trout and splake fisheries are entirely dependent on stocking, and provide additional opportunities for the angler.

Largemouth bass were illegally introduced into Keoka Lake, which is located a short distance upstream of Bear Pond. They are expected to drop down into Bear Pond, and their impacts on the existing fisheries remains to be seen.

A steeply sloped, paved boat access is located on route 35, which follows the eastern shoreline of the pond. The road shoulder near the access site is widened to provide some limited parking.

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