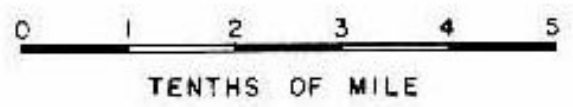


**MIDAS # 3274
VIRGINIA LAKE**

STONEHAM TWP., OXFORD CO., MAINE

AREA 128 ACRES



VIRGINIA LAKE

Stoneham Twp., Oxford Co.
U.S.G.S. East Stoneham, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brook trout	Minnows
Rainbow smelt	Golden shiner
Largemouth bass	Fallfish
White perch	White sucker
Yellow perch	Hornpout (bullhead)
Chain pickerel	Pumpkinseed
	sunfish
	American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 145 acres

Temperatures:

Maximum depth - 28 feet

Surface - 76°F

28 feet - 57°F

Principal fisheries: Largemouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel

Both anglers and boaters enjoy the scenic mountain views and solitude of Virginia Lake. This water is managed for both warmwater and coldwater fish.

This lake thermally stratifies each summer, and an oxygen deficiency develops below eighteen feet. This lack of dissolved oxygen combined with heavy competition from warmwater species makes this a marginal brook trout water. However, spring yearling brook trout are stocked to provide a popular short-term fishery. Brook trout must be stocked annually to maintain the fishery, because suitable habitat for natural reproduction is limited.

Locally, this pond is well known for its white perch and pickerel fishery. Largemouth bass were illegally introduced into Virginia Lake during the late 1980's, and they are now well established. In addition, they have recently migrated downstream into Keewaydin Lake and Proctor Pond. The introduction of any fish species into Maine waters is illegal, and the effects are usually irreversible and detrimental to the existing fish populations. Introducing new species into any Maine water is a decision best left to the professionals. This water could be a potential candidate for reclamation, but the large size of this water could make such a project cost prohibitive.

A boat access with limited parking is available adjacent to the outlet dam of Virginia Lake.

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