



Midas #446
FOURTH ROACH POND
TA R12, PISCATAQUIS CO., MAINE

266 ACRES



TENTHS OF MILE

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TAR12, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Farrar Mountain,
Wadleigh Mountain, Me (7½')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon	Redbelly dace
Brook trout	Blacknose dace
Splake	Creek chub
Lake whitefish	Fallfish
Rainbow smelt	White sucker
Yellow perch	Hornpout (bullhead)
Minnows	Burbot (cusk)
Lake chub	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Golden shiner	Slimy sculpin
Common shiner	

Physical Characteristics

Area - 266 acres

Maximum depth - 40 feet

Temperatures:

Surface - 65⁰F

40 feet - 42⁰F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout, landlocked salmon, splake

Fourth Roach Pond can be reached over the network of graveled logging roads leading east from Kokadjo. A well-beaten access trail has developed in recent years.

Suitable brook trout spawning habitat can be found in the lower ends of the tributaries. However, the potential of the pond to sustain a large population of wild brook trout is severely compromised by competition and the lack of dissolved oxygen in the coolest water. Competition increased with the establishment of yellow perch in the 1990s. The brook trout fishery was maintained through the mid-1990s with regular stocking of hatchery-reared brook trout.

Landlocked salmon were stocked in the 1970s in Third Roach Pond. Some moved upstream into Fourth Roach Pond and contributed to its fishery. Salmon stocking in Third Roach Pond resumed in 1997 and those fish are again contributing to the catch in Fourth Roach Pond.

Splake stocking was initiated in 1994. They survive and grow well, taking advantage of the abundance of food. The success of the splake program is probably responsible for the increased interest in the Fourth Roach Pond fishery.

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