

UPPER OXBROOK LAKE
T6 R1 and Talmadge Twp., Washington Co.
U.S.G.S. Scraggley Lake, Me.

Fishes

Salmon	Minnows
Brook trout (squaretail)	Common shiner
White perch	Redbelly dace
Yellow perch	Fallfish
Hornpout (bullhead)	Banded killifish
Smelt	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Eel	
White sucker	

Physical Characteristics

Area - 422 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 63° F.

Maximum depth - 18 feet

15 feet - 63° F.

Upper Oxbrook Lake is a shallow, spring-fed lake that drains into Lower Oxbrook Lake, then into West Grand Lake. To get there, proceed as follows: Take the Grand Lake Stream road from Route 1 near Princeton; turn right on a hauling road just east of Grand Lake Stream village; stay on this hauling road to Lower Oxbrook Lake; boat across Lower Oxbrook and portage along the thoroughfare into Upper Oxbrook.

Upper Oxbrook Lake is best described as "marginal" trout water: Several species of fish that compete with trout for food live there (but are not abundant); there are no good trout spawning areas; and water temperatures during the hottest months of most years are probably higher than temperatures at which trout thrive. For such lakes we often recommend a series of trout stockings of an experimental nature, and we do so here. We will test-net the lake after several stockings, and, if the stockings have been successful, the lake will be stocked routinely.

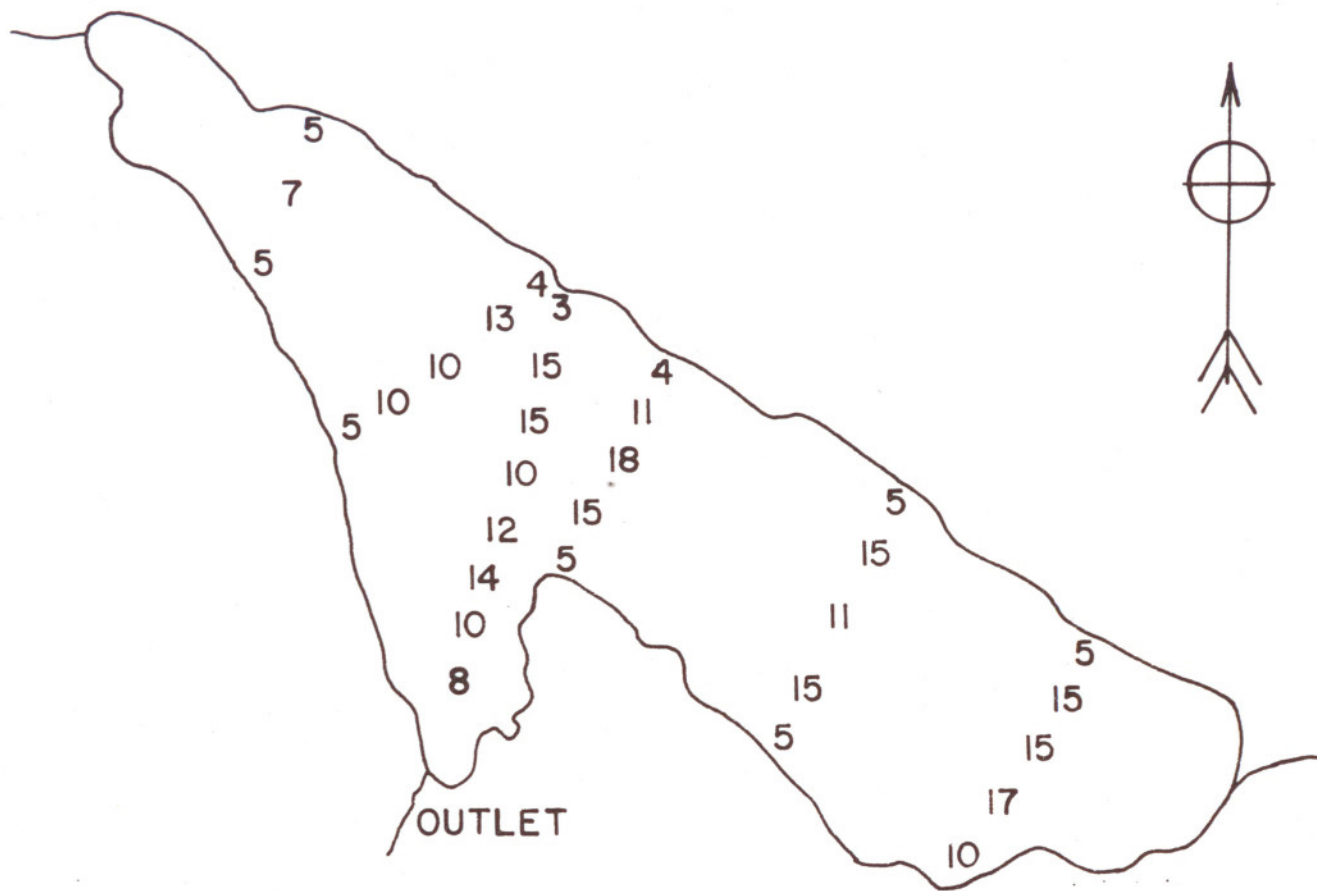
A few salmon probably live in Upper Oxbrook Lake, but salmon stocking is not recommended. Lower Oxbrook Lake supports a small salmon population that maintains itself through natural reproduction.

Neither smallmouth bass nor chain pickerel appear to be established in Upper Oxbrook Lake. We believe that the waterfall located about 3/4-mile below Lower Oxbrook Lake on Oxbrook Stream is an effective barrier to upstream migration of these fish. Additional fishes established in Upper Oxbrook Lake would probably preclude all possibility of successful trout management. While waterfalls are sometimes altered to permit passage of migratory fish where fish passage is essential, here the falls should be left unimproved to serve as a migration barrier. Watch your bait pail too; unwanted species could be introduced this way!

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