

SOUTHWEST POND  
Beddington Twp., Washington Co.  
U.S.G.S. Tug Mountain, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)	Minnows
White perch	Golden shiner
Smelt	Fallfish (chub)
Eel	Banded killifish
White sucker	Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 138 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 71°F
Maximum depth - 34 feet	30 feet - 49°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout, white perch

Southwest Pond is the uppermost headwater lake of the Pleasant River, draining northerly into Pleasant River Lake. Surrounded by tall red pines, it lies in a natural amphitheater made up of Southwest Bluff on the west, Northeast Bluff on the east, and Hall Ridge on the south.

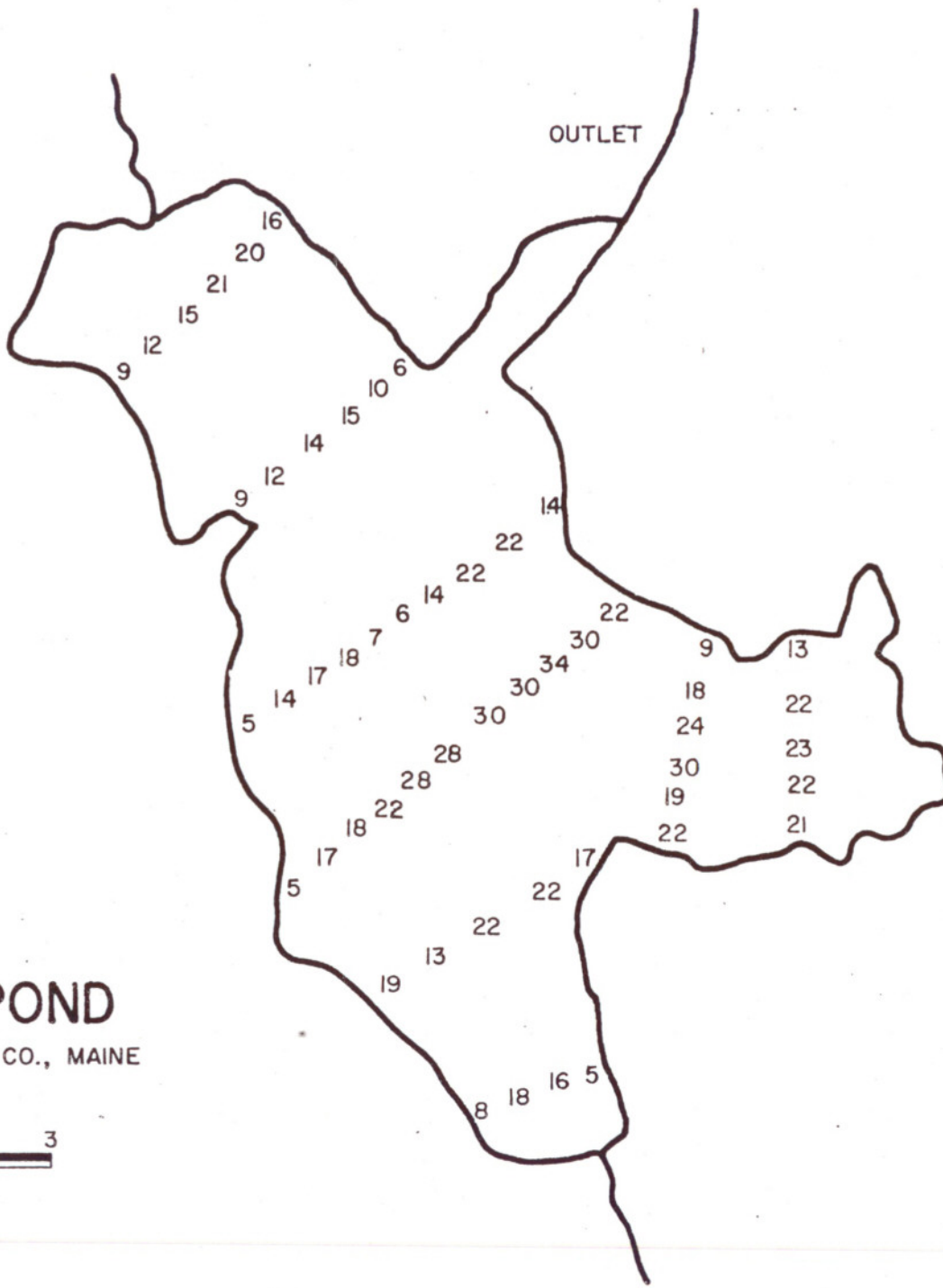
To get there from Route 9, the "Airline", turn right onto a gravelled road about 1/2 mile east of the "Devereaux" picnic area in T29MD. This road goes down the eastern side of Pleasant River Lake, crosses the outlet, and continues to Southwest Pond. The pond lies 5-6 miles south of Rt. 9. Small boats and canoes can be launched with a little bit of dragging.

Although Southwest Pond has a good volume of cool water, most of it contains too little dissolved oxygen in the critical mid-summer months to sustain brook trout. In addition white perch are so numerous that they are stunted; their presence creates a level of competition for food and space that would be highly detrimental to brook trout. The few trout that occur in the pond are produced in the outlet or in one very small tributary. The only coldwater gamefish that might be able to produce a viable fishery here would be the brown trout.

Pond reclamation is not considered feasible because there is no good site for a barrier dam to prevent re-entry of unwanted fish species.

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AREA 138 ACRES



TENTHS of MILE