

BUCK POND
T2 R11, Piscataquis Co.
U. S. G. S. Harrington Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows
Golden shiner

Physical Characteristics

Area - 6 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 15 feet

Surface - 73° F.
13 feet - 53° F.

Buck Pond is a small pond located approximately 1/2 mile west of Rainbow Lake outlet. The pond lies in a small pocket almost entirely surrounded by a low-lying spruce bog. Water quality is suitable for brook trout, and the pond should be managed for this species.

The outlet provides no spawning or nursery facilities for trout and is blocked by fallen logs and beaver dams. There are no tributaries or gravelly areas so it is doubtful that trout will be produced naturally.

Competition from other fish is slight, and the one species of minnow present should provide a good food supply for the larger trout. A large trout was reported taken several years ago. Since this catch no trout have been reported, and we did not take any during our survey. A 1965 fall stocking should provide good fishing in the future.

The present regulation prohibiting the use or possession of live fish as bait should prevent the introduction of additional species. A new introduction could seriously reduce the trout fishery. A 5-fish limit would help to maintain and distribute the population of trout under moderate fishing pressure. Regular stocking will probably be needed.

Buck Pond is accessible by a trail from the west end of Rainbow Lake.

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