

RITTER LAKE  
Bridgewater Twp., Aroostook Co.  
U.S.G.S. Bridgewater, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)  
White sucker

Minnows  
Creek chub  
Finescale dace  
Redbelly dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 5 acres

Maximum depth - 12 feet

Temperatures

Surface - 67° F.  
12 feet - 62° F.

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

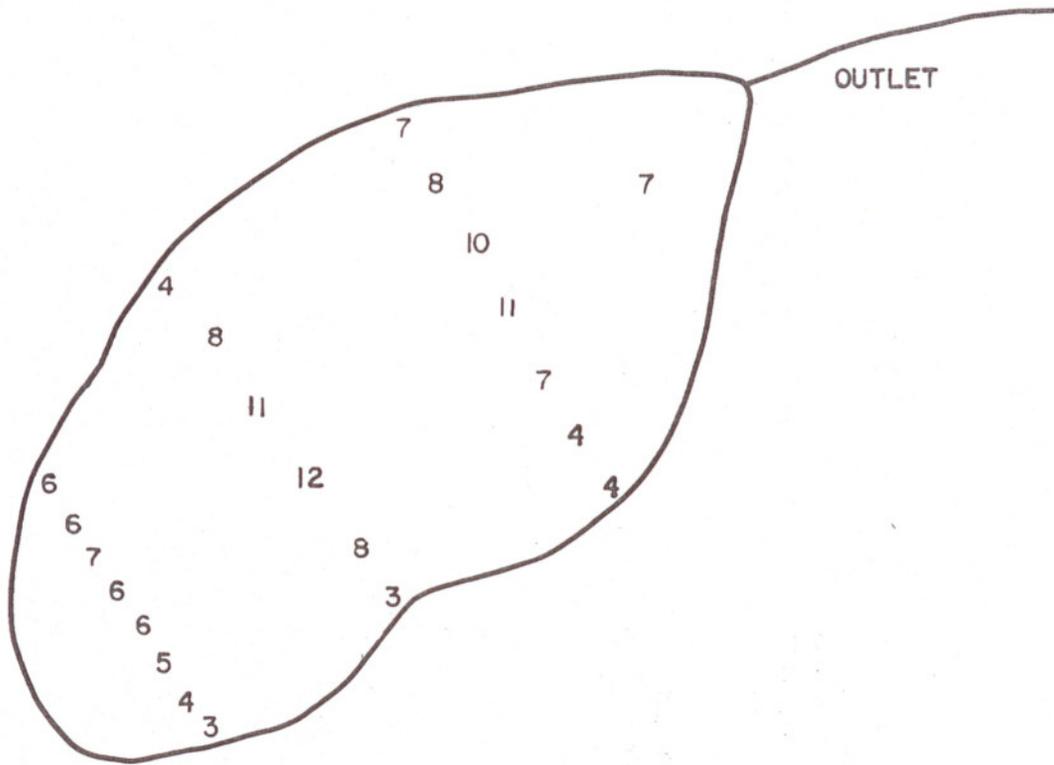
Ritter Lake was chemically reclaimed in 1957 and 1961 to reduce populations of competing fishes and to establish a trout fishery. Normally on reclaimed ponds a barrier dam is built on the pond outlet to prevent undesirable fish from re-entering the pond. Because of the gentle gradient of the outlet stream no suitable barrier dam site was available, however, it was felt that the underground nature of the stream would be a natural barrier to upstream fish migrations.

However, either incomplete kills or an upstream fish movement has resulted in the lake becoming repopulated with suckers and minnows. Intensive trout management is now impractical on Ritter Lake and it is recommended that general law fishing regulations be reenacted.

Access to Ritter Lake is via a walk-in public right-of-way.

Surveyed - August, 1957  
(Revised, 1969)

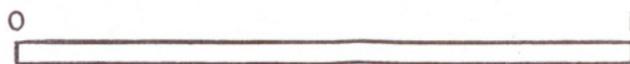
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