

DEEP POND
T4 R9, Piscataquis Co.
U. S. G. S. Traveler Mtn., Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 8 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 69° F.

19 feet - 42° F.

Maximum depth - 20 feet

Principal Fishery - Brook trout

Deep Pond is a small trout pond typical in beauty of many of the waters in Baxter State Park. The pond is surrounded primarily by spruce and fir forest, with an area of floating bog at the southern end. The views of Traveler Mtn. to the north and Hamlin Peak to the south make a visit to Deep Pond worthwhile.

Although an oxygen deficiency exists in the water deeper than 12 feet, there is enough cold water with sufficient oxygen above this level to maintain a trout population. Since only brook trout were found during the survey, the absence of competition from other fish species makes it a very good trout pond.

The brook trout population is maintained entirely through natural reproduction, most likely in the spring seeps at the northern end. Many young trout were observed in this area. The outlet is blocked by a beaver dam and presently it is unlikely that it contributes very much in the way of spawning and nursery areas for the trout in Deep Pond. Fishing regulations now in effect prohibit the use of live fish as bait, and limit the catch to five fish. These regulations are in effect throughout Baxter State Park.

Deep Pond can be reached by trail. It is approximately eight tenths of a mile from the Russell Pond campground.

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