

BEN LAKE

Wallagrass Plt., Aroostook Co. U.S.G.S. Wallagrass Lakes, Me (7.5')

Fishes

Brook trout
Minnows
Common shiner
Redbelly dace
Finescale dace

Blacknose dace Creek chub White sucker Banded killifish Threespine stickleback

Physical Characteristics

Area - 37 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 77°F 30 feet - 42°F

Maximum depth - 32 feet

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Ben Lake is a small, moderately deep lake surrounded by mature spruce, fir and cedar. There is a cedar swamp around south and west shore. Most of the shoreline is comprised of gravels and rocks. Summer water quality is suitable for brook trout with cool temperatures and sufficient dissolved oxygen between 15 and 25 feet. Below 25 feet low dissolved oxygen limits the usage of cold water by brook trout. The one small inlet provides poor spawning habitat for trout. The outlet is a series of old, shallow beaver flowages containing limited amounts of suitable spawning, nursery or adult habitat. Limited trout spawning probably occurs within the lake.

Access to Ben Lake is via a private gravel logging road from Route 11 with a footpath completing access to the pond.

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