

BLACK POND

St. John Plt., Aroostook Co. U.S.G.S. Wheelock, Me - N.B. (7.5')

Fishes

Brook trout Minnows Lake chub Creek chub Pearl dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 22 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 77°F 5 feet - 76°F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Maximum depth - 6 feet

Black Pond is shallow and occasionally beaver dams increase pond depth a couple of feet. The shoreline consists of heath and dead, flooded tree stubs.

Water temperatures become warm during the summer, and brook trout must seek areas of cool spring influences for survival. Winterkill from oxygen depletion under the ice may occur periodically.

Removal of beaver dams on the outlet would enhance trout movement at the cost of pond depth. Presently pond depth has been determined to be of greater benefit than free access to the outlet stream. Black Pond has no tributaries.

Access to Black Pond is via private gravel logging roads built and maintained for forest management purposes. These roads are maintained as they are needed so four-wheel drive is seasonally necessary.

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