

CRATER POND T15 R9, Aroostook Co. U.S.G.S. Gardner Pond, Me (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brook trout Minnows Creek chub White sucker

Physical Characteristics

Area - 12 acres Average depth - 5 feet Maximum depth - 6 feet Temperatures: Surface - 69⁰F 100 feet - 67⁰F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Crater Pond is a small, spring-fed trout pond with nearly equal water temperatures from surface to bottom. As surface water warms, spring inflow is crucial to providing sufficient cold water to sustain the trout population.

Crater Pond was chemically reclaimed in 1967 to remove competing species. Unfortunately, populations of white suckers and creek chubs have become established. The trout fishery in the pond is maintained entirely by natural spawning in spring seepages and gravely areas within the pond.

Conservative fishing regulations have been implemented to maintain and enhance the sport fishery.

Crater Pond is on of many ponds situated in close proximity in T15 R9, a township owned by the State of Maine. Access to the pond is via an unimproved road from the improved gravel road system in T15 R9. Watercraft must be hand-carried to the shoreline.

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