

DEPOT LAKE

T13 R16, Aroostook Co. U.S.G.S. Depot Lake, Maine-Quebec (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brook trout Yellow perch Minnows Common shiner Redbelly dace

Blacknose dace Creek chub Fallfish (chub) White sucker Banded killifish

Physical Characteristics

Temperatures: Area - 869 acres Surface - 62°F 9 feet - 58°F

Maximum depth - 10 feet

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Depot Lake is a shallow lake with a very muddy bottom, and most of the shoreline is made up of heath bog. There are limited areas of gravel and boulders along the southwest shore between Cedar Brook and the head of the lake and near the northwest point of land. These areas may be used for spawning and nursery areas by brook trout. Numerous grass islands exist throughout the lake.

Cedar Brook, although spring fed, has a very muddy bottom and offers no spawning area for trout. The outlet is also heavily silted and probably contributes very little to trout production. Depot Stream has scattered gravel bars that provide limited areas for trout spawning, but most of the stream bottom is muddy.

The abundant yellow perch population limits trout production by competing for food and space.

Access to Depot Lake is via private gravel roads built and maintained by large landowners for forest management purposes.

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