

## HANSON BROOK LAKE

Mapleton, Aroostook County U.S.G.S. Presque Isle, Me (7 1/2')

## **Fishes**

Brook trout Minnows Redbelly dace Banded killifish Threespine stickleback Ninespine stickleback

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 118 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 72°F 20 feet - 65°F 32 feet - 51°F

Average depth - 14 feet Maximum depth - 32 feet

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Hanson Brook Lake was created by construction of a large earthen dam across Hanson Brook. The towns of Presque Isle and Mapleton and the former U.S. Soil Conservation Service cooperated, under Public Law 566, to complete the project. Prior to impoundment in 1966, the former Maine Fish and Game Department successfully removed most of the competing species in anticipation of creating a trout fishery.

Hanson Brook inlet has some spawning and juvenile trout habitat and likely produces the few wild trout that are occasionally observed. Annual stocking of fingerling brook trout supplements the sport fishery.

Terminal gear is restricted to no-live-fish-as-bait to prevent re-introduction of competing fish species. Other special fishery regulations have been implemented to enhance sport fishing opportunities.

Access to Hanson Brook Lake can be obtained through the Skyway Industrial Park in Presque Isle where a concrete, public boat launch facility exists.

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