

## HODGDON DEADWATER Hodgdon, Aroostook County U.S.G.S. Houlton South, Me (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brown trout Brook trout Chain pickerel Minnows Lake chub Common shiner Redbelly dace Blacknose dace Creek chub White sucker Ninespine stickleback American eel

**Physical Characteristics** 

Area - 156 acres Average depth - 7 feet Maximum depth - 24 feet Temperatures: Surface - 74<sup>0</sup>F 22 feet - 50<sup>0</sup>F

Principal fisheries: Chain pickerel, brook trout

Hodgdon Mill Pond is a small impoundment created by a concrete dam on the South Branch Meduxnekeag River. Low areas along the river were flooded creating excellent habitat for waterfowl and other wetland species. The impoundment and a large area of surrounding upland habitat is managed by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Wildlife Division primarily for waterfowl and upland game species. During late summer aquatic vegetation, including cattails and wild rice, grows dense within the pond reducing some navigable areas to the deeper, historic river channel.

Hodgdon Mill Pond has excellent habitat for chain pickerel and seasonally good habitat for brook trout. A very small area of cool, oxygenated water exists during summer months. Tributaries that have cooler water at this critical time may provide limited refuge for trout. Some trout fishing opportunity exists soon after ice melt during spring, and weedy, shallow areas during summer months provide good pickerel fishing.

Two public access points can be used on the west side of the Hodgdon Mill Pond. One exists near the dam site and a small boat launch exists upstream off the Horseback Road.

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