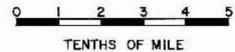


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T14 R10 WELS, Aroostook Co. U.S.G.S. McKeen Lake, Maine (7.5')

Fishes

Brook trout Minnows Finescale dace Blacknose dace Creek chub Pearl dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 141 acres

Temperatures: Surface - 68°F 10 feet - 43°F

Maximum depth - 10 feet

Principal fishery: Brook trout

McKeen Lake is a very shallow lake that nevertheless supports a population of wild brook trout. Even though most of the lake is less than 3 feet deep, numerous springs in the lake and along its shores provide a supply of cold water for trout during warm weather. During periods when lake temperatures are cool, trout range freely throughout the lake and feed actively on the abundant food supply.

The trout population is maintained by natural reproduction on gravel shores and in spring areas. A beaver dam on the outlet or increasing the water level would improve trout habitat in the pond.

Conservative trout regulations have been established to protect the wild trout population.

Access is via private gravel roads built and maintained by industrial landowners for forest management purposes. A 30-minute walk completes access to the pond.

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