

MOCCASIN POND T14R8, Aroostook County U.S.G.S. Carr Pond, Me (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brook trout Minnows Redbelly dace Creek chub Pearl dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 32 acres Average depth - 6 feet Maximum depth - 16 feet Temperatures: Surface - 69⁰F 16 feet - 59⁰F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Moccasin Pond provides suitable habitat for brook trout and has been noted for excellent trout fishing. The pond consists of two basins: the lower that is shallow and the upper basin that has the deep cold water utilized by trout during warm summer months. Moccasin Pond has no sizable tributaries. The outlet is normally dammed by beaver activity that significantly raises the water level in the pond. The dam should not be removed. Few wild brook trout have been taken at Moccasin Pond as the fishery is currently supported entirely by annual stocking of hatchery fish. Poor quality spawning habitat probably precludes existence of a wild population of trout.

Conservative regulations have been implemented to maintain and enhance sport-fishing opportunities and provide a high quality trout fishery. Special regulations include terminal tackle restrictions. The trout fishery at this small pond can be characterized as high quality with good catch rates for trout 10 to 16 inches in length.

Access to Moccasin Pond is via gravel roads maintained by industrial landowners for forest management purposes. Watercraft must be carried over a narrow trail leading to the west side of the pond.

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