

THIRD CHASE POND T14 R9, Aroostook Co. U.S.G.S. Gardner Pond, Me (7.5')

Fishes

Lake trout (togue) Brook trout Minnows Lake chub Redbelly dace Finescale dace Blacknose dace Creek chub White sucker Slimy sculpin

Physical Characteristics

Area - 97 acres

Maximum depth - 87 feet

Temperatures: Surface - 70°F 85 feet - 40°F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Third Chase Pond is the uppermost in a chain of three ponds at the headwaters of Chase Brook, a tributary to Fish Lake. The pond contains a sizeable volume of cold water below the 15-foot depth during the summer. Since the cold water contains plenty of dissolved oxygen, conditions are considered ideal for trout and togue.

Tributary spawning areas for brook trout are very limited, but this species is apparently maintaining a good population by lake spawning. The togue population is being maintained by spawning on shoal areas within the lake.

Access to Third Chase Pond is via unimproved gravel roads built and maintained by large industrial landowners for forest management purposes. Four-wheel drive is recommended for the closest two miles to the pond and these last two miles can be seasonally impassable.

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