Forest Lake
Gray, Windham, and Cumberland Twps., Cumberland Co.
U.S.G.S. Cumberland Ctr., Me. (7 1/2')

## Fishes

Smallmouth bass White perch Chain pickerel Minnows
Golden shiner
Common shiner
Creek chub
Pumpkinseed sunfish

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 198 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 76°F 35 feet - 52°F

Maximum depth - 38 feet

35 Teet - 32

Principal fisheries: Smallmouth bass, chain pickerel

Brown trout and brook trout stocking was discontinued in Forest Lake in 1982 due to a lack of public access. An oxygen deficiency below 20 feet limits the available habitat for coldwater species, but there is enough cool, well-oxygenated water to support a limited fishery for browns.

Smallmouth bass were introduced by the Maine Department of Fisheries and Wildlife in 1959. This introduction was successful and the lake provides good bass fishing.

Forest lake is located in a heavily populated area of the state and a brown trout stocking program would be very important to the area. The lack of suitable public access precludes any stocking at the present time. Every effort should be made to locate a suitable access site so that stocking could resume.

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