

OTTER POND Bridgton Twp., Cumberland Co. U.S.G.S. Bridgton, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Largemouth bass Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Fallfish White sucker Creek chubsucker Hornpout (bullhead) Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 90 acres

Temperatures: Surface - 72°F 20 feet - 68°F

Maximum depth - 21 feet

Principal fisheries: Largemouth bass and chain pickerel

Otter Pond is located just south of the Town of Bridgton. The pond is lightly developed with camps, despite its proximity to town and the seasonal popularity of this area. It is interesting to note that the pond has two outlets, one at each end, which both drain into Long Lake.

This relatively shallow pond is homothermous with a fair amount of weedy habitat, which makes it best suited for warmwater fish management. MDIFW biologists introduced largemouth bass in 1958 and 1959 to enhance angling opportunities. The bass population is now self-sustaining and provides good fishing. Chain pickerel are also abundant and provide additional angling excitement.

A traditional access site is located adjacent to the outlet at the southern end of the pond. The seasonal camp road and ramp conditions limit access to small, trailered boats or canoe/car-top watercraft. These access conditions are tentative and could be lost in the future. MDIFW will continue to work towards securing long-term access sites to public waters.

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