

## **BLANCHARD POND**

Alder Stream Twp., Franklin County U.S.G.S. Jim Pond, Maine (7½')

## **Fishes**

Brook trout

Minnows Golden shiner Finescale dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 9 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 71°F 25 feet - 41°F

Maximum depth - 27 feet

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

Blanchard Pond is located east of Round Mountain on land owned by the Penobscot Indian Nation. The pond has no major inlets, but an outlet flows northeast into the North Branch of the Dead River. The pond's shoreline is undeveloped.

Water quality in Blanchard Pond is good for coldwater gamefish. Although water below 15 feet in depth is deficient in oxygen during the warm summer months, water above this depth is cool enough to sustain a brook trout population. Spawning and nursery habitat is limited, so annual stockings maintain the fishery. Trout growth is good with only light competition from minnows.

Blanchard Pond is accessible via gravel roads off Route 27 The pond is open to fly fishing only throughout the open water season and is closed to fishing in the winter months. See the lawbook for additional regulations.

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