

HILLS POND

Perkins Plt., Franklin County U.S.G.S. Mount Blue, Maine (7½')

Fishes

Brook trout Minnows
Golden shiner

Physical Characteristics

Area - 22 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 73°F

Maximum depth - 31 feet 30 feet - 44°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

Hills Pond is located north of Bald Mountain. The pond has no inlets, but an outlet flows south forming the headwaters of Wilson Stream. The pond's shoreline is undeveloped.

Water quality in Hills Pond is marginal for coldwater gamefish. Surface water temperatures reach critical levels during the warm summer months, while an oxygen deficiency occurs below 25 feet. Suitable spawning and nursery habitat is limited, so annual stockings of brook trout are necessary to provide a fishery. Trout growth in the pond is good with only light competition from minnows.

Hills Pond is accessible via Route 156 between Wilton and Weld. The pond is open to fishing with no live fish as bait in the summer months and closed to ice fishing.

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