

MASSACHUSETTS BOG

Massachusetts Gore, Franklin County
U.S.G.S. Northwest Pond, Maine (7½')

Fishes

Brook trout
Minnnows
Lake chub
Finescale dace

Blacknose dace
Creek chub
White sucker

Physical Characteristics

Area - 30 acres

Maximum depth - 12 feet

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Temperatures:

Surface - 68°F

12 feet - 61°F

Massachusetts Bog is formed by a dam on Massachusetts Bog Stream. The bog is located west of Indian Stream Mountain near the Canadian border. The main inlet enters at the southern end of the bog from the Northwest Ponds. Its outlet flows north into Arnold Pond. The bog's shoreline is undeveloped.

Water quality in Massachusetts Bog is good for coldwater gamefish. Water in this shallow bog reaches critically high temperatures for salmonids, but numerous springs provide refuge for fish during the warm summer months. The bog's tributaries provide ample spawning and nursery habitat for a native brook trout population to maintain a fishery. Trout growth is good despite moderate competition for food and space. The bog is not stocked.

Massachusetts Bog is accessible via private gated roads west of Route 27. The bog is open to fly fishing only in the summer and closed to fishing in the winter. See the lawbook for additional regulations.

Surveyed - August, 1977

(Revised - 1985, 1998)

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Funded in part by the Federal Aid in Restoration Act under

Federal Project F-28-P

L8597D