

## **TUFTS POND**

Kingfield, Franklin County U.S.G.S. Kingfield, Maine (7½') and U.S.G.S. Poplar Mountain, Maine (7½')

## **Fishes**

Brown trout Brook trout Splake Rainbow smelt Minnows
Blacknose dace
Creek chub
White sucker
American eel

## **Physical Characteristics**

Area - 53 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 69°F 43 feet - 42°F

Maximum depth - 43 feet

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Principal fisheries: Brook trout, splake

Tufts Pond is located east of Black Nubble. Its inlet enters the north shore of the pond from nearby Grindstone Pond. Its outlet, Tufts Pond Brook, flows south where it joins Alder Brook to form Alder Stream. The pond's shoreline is mostly developed.

Water quality in Tufts Pond is marginal for coldwater gamefish. Only limited amounts of cool, oxygenated water are available throughout the warm summer months. Spawning and nursery habitat is also limited, so stocking of brook trout and splake are necessary to provide fisheries. Salmonid growth is fair with heavy competition from other fish species.

Tufts Pond is accessible via a side road off the Tufts Pond Road. A privately owned carry-on boat launch site is available. The pond is open to fishing with artificial lures only in the summer and closed to ice fishing. See lawbook for special regulations.

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