

## WILSON POND Wilton, Franklin County U.S.G.S. East Dixfield, Maine (7½') and U.S.G.S. Wilton, Maine (7½')

## Fishes

Landlocked salmon Lake trout (togue) Brook trout Rainbow smelt Smallmouth bass White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner Fallfish (chub) White sucker Hornpout (bullhead) Redbreast sunfish Pumpkinseed sunfish American eel Landlocked alewife

**Physical Characteristics** 

Area - 563 acres

Maximum depth - 88 feet

Principal fishery: Salmon, lake trout, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel

Wilson Pond is located west of Wilton village. Its main inlet and outlet, Wilson Stream, enters the northwest side of the pond and exits the eastern tip meandering east into the Sandy River. The pond's shoreline is heavily developed.

Water quality in Wilson Pond is suitable for coldwater gamefish. Salmonid spawning and nursery habitat is available in the inlet. A small native salmon population utilizes this habitat to provide a limited number of wild fish, which are supplemented with periodic stockings to maintain a fishery.

Lake trout naturally reproduce using the rocky shoals to spawn and maintain a productive fishery. Salmonid growth is good despite competition from warmwater fish species. The pond is occasionally stocked with brook trout to supplement a small native population.

Wilson Pond is accessible via a public launch site located just south of downtown Wilton. The pond is open to fishing under general law in both the summer and winter seasons. See the lawbook for special regulations.

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Temperatures: Surface - 70°F 85 feet - 45°F