

AUNT BETTY POND Bar Harbor Twp., Hancock Co. U.S.G.S. Southwest Harbor, ME (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brook trout Minnows Golden shiner White sucker Banded killifish Ninespine stickleback American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 34 acres

Maximum depth - 7 feet

Temperatures: Surface - 64°F 6 feet - 63°F

Principal fishery: Baitfish

Aunt Betty Pond is a shallow, marshy pond located within Acadia National Park on Mount Desert Island. Much of the pond is only 3-4 feet deep, and contains numerous areas of dense aquatic vegetation. Although most people walk to the pond, bicycles may be ridden along a carriage trail.

Brook trout were stocked in most years from the 1980's to early 90's. Although some of these stockings provided periods of satisfactory fishing, especially early in the spring, returns to anglers were generally poor. Because of the abundant vegetation, reeds, floating islands, etc., it's a difficult water to fish. These factors led to the decision to terminate the stocking program in 1994. A few wild brook trout are caught occasionally, probably fish which have moved up into the pond from the outlet, Richardson Brook. The best use of this water is to provide a source of live bait for dealers and individuals, although access in the winter is somewhat difficult.

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