

DUCKTAIL POND

Amherst, Hancock Co.
U.S.G.S. Great Pond, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Golden shiner

Banded killifish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 26 acres

Temperatures:

Maximum depth- 43 feet

Surface - 72°F

22 feet - 57°F

Principal Fishery: None

Ducktail Pond is an undeveloped water located in the Union River drainage in west central Hancock County. Access is via a dirt road which heads north off Route 9, the "Airline". The dirt road provides two-wheel drive access to within one mile of the pond. The trail is a rough ATV trail or an even more enjoyable hiking trail.

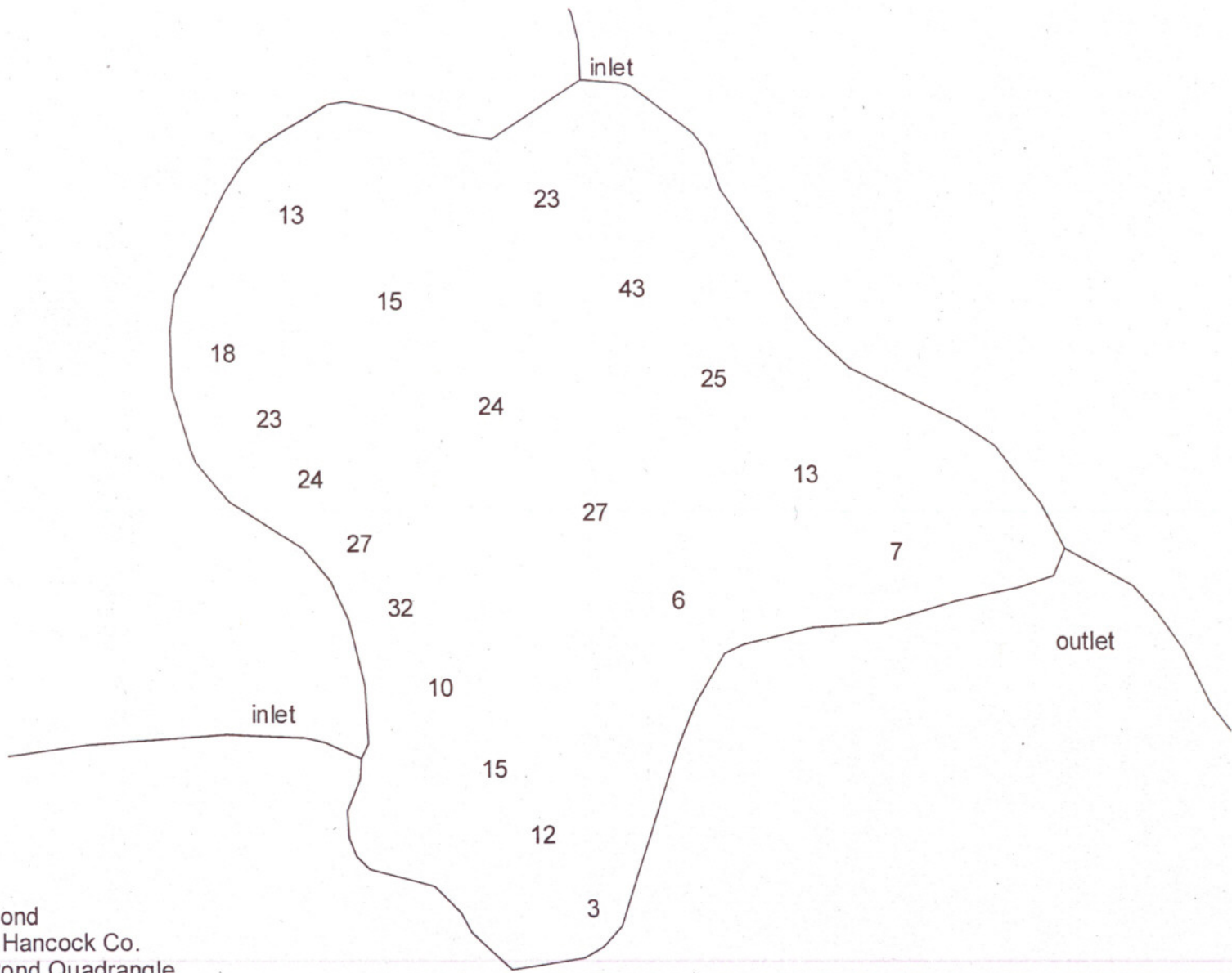
Ducktail Pond is surrounded by a vast mixed forest with several large ledge and boulder outcrops scattered along the shoreline. Littoral areas are comprised of gravel, ledge, and aquatic vegetation, mostly pipewort.

The inlets of Partridge Pond, from the south, and Snowshoe Pond, from the north, are both muddy areas with no significant gravel or flow. The outlet, which flows into the West Branch of the Union River, is ledge with a 2-3 foot drop immediately on the outlet that is an impasse to fish passage. There are several steep drops that are most impassable at low flows, especially in the reach a mile or so downstream from the pond.

The pond is very deep and has a lot of clear, cool water. With the combination of very good water quality and cool temperatures, the pond provides an adequate environment for cold water species. During our survey in 2002 there was evidence of fishing activity around the pond but no gamefish were collected during the survey. The fishing activity is probably a result of few individuals using the pond in the spring. It is possible that a few stocked trout from Partridge Pond occasionally drop down into Ducktail Pond, providing a limited fishery.

Since spawning habitat is limiting in Ducktail Pond, routine stocking would provide a more consistent fishery.

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Ducktail Pond
Amherst, Hancock Co.
Hopkins Pond Quadrangle
Area= 26 Acres

