

## HODGDON POND Tremont Twp., Hancock Co. U.S.G.S. Bartlett Island, ME (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brown trout Smallmouth bass White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner White sucker Hornpout (bullhead) Redbreast sunfish Pumpkinseed sunfish American eel

**Physical Characteristics** 

Area - 35 acres

Maximum depth - 22 feet

Temperatures: Surface - 76°F 22 feet - 63°F

Principal fisheries: Chain pickerel, white perch

Hodgdon Pond is located just to the north of Seal Cove Pond on Mount Desert Island. It can be reached via a Park road off Route 102. A small boat launching site exists at the south end, but it's a poor one, and the channel leading up to the pond is choked with aquatic vegetation.

The pond provides habitat for the typical assemblage of warmwater sportfish. Pickerel, which were illegally introduced into Seal Cove Pond around 1990, and subsequently moved up into Hodgdon, provide the primary fishery. Although the smallmouth bass population is small, some reach attractive sizes of 2 ½ pounds or more. Studies conducted by various individuals under contract to Acadia National Park have revealed that some of the larger bass have unusually high levels of mercury. Because the levels easily exceeded the maximums recommended under FDA guidelines, anglers should not eat any bass over 12 or 13 inches. To be on the safe side, large pickerel should be released as well.

Brown trout are stocked periodically in Seal Cove Pond, and a few may occasionally move up into Hodgdon when the small brook connecting the ponds has a relatively strong flow.

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