

## LAKE WOOD

Bar Harbor, Hancock Co. U.S.G.S. Salsbury Cove, ME (7 1/2')

## **Fishes**

Brook trout
Rainbow smelt
Minnows
Golden shiner
Redbelly dace

White sucker
Banded killifish
Pumpkinseed sunfish
American eel

## **Physical Characteristics**

Area - 16 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 81°F 10 feet - 75°F

Maximum depth - 11 feet

Principal fisheries: Brook trout, baitfish

Lake Wood is a shallow, eutrophic water located in Acadia National Park. Access is gained via a short walk down a road. The pond's relative seclusion and smooth ledges in one area make it a favorite with swimmers.

The pond was formerly managed strictly as a source of bait for dealers and individual anglers. Some of the suckers are of ideal size for use as togue bait. In response to angler requests to provide additional fishing opportunity for brook trout on Mount Desert Island, the pond received several experimental stockings of fall fingerling trout in the late 1990's. Follow-up work showed that some of these trout survived not only through the winter, but also until the end of June. A sample of seven brook trout netted in early July, 2000, averaged 10.3 inches, and were in very good shape. It appears as if this water can provide an acceptable spring fishery for 8-10 inch trout. Summer water temperatures preclude the possibility of any holdover to age II. The low numbers of brook trout stocked are not expected to jeopardize the bait fishery.

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