

UPPER OXHEAD POND
T40MD, Hancock Co.
U.S.G.S. Nicasious and Saponac, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)
White sucker
Pumpkinseed sunfish
Sticklebacks

Minnows
Redbelly dace
Golden shiner
Fathead minnow

Physical Characteristics

Area - 87 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 10 feet

Surface - 74°F.

10 feet - 70°F.

Principal Fishery: None (Brook trout to be stocked experimentally)

Upper Oxhead Pond is ringed by large granite boulders interspersed with gravel and some sand. Most of the bottom is covered with soft, flocculent silt and algae. There is little rooted aquatic vegetation with only a few patches of water lilies. Mature hard and softwood trees surround the pond behind a margin of dry heath.

Water quality is suitable for brook trout — though warm during summer months. A few trout have been reported by anglers. One small, cool, spring trickle enters the pond and may provide refuge for trout when summer temperatures are high. No trout spawning habitat exists in the pond or outlet.

Present species are not abundant and would not be expected to compete heavily with brook trout. An experimental trout stocking is planned for Fall 1978. If successful, annual or alternate year stocking will be necessary to maintain a fishery. Ice fishing should be prohibited as trout are vulnerable to overfishing in small ponds.

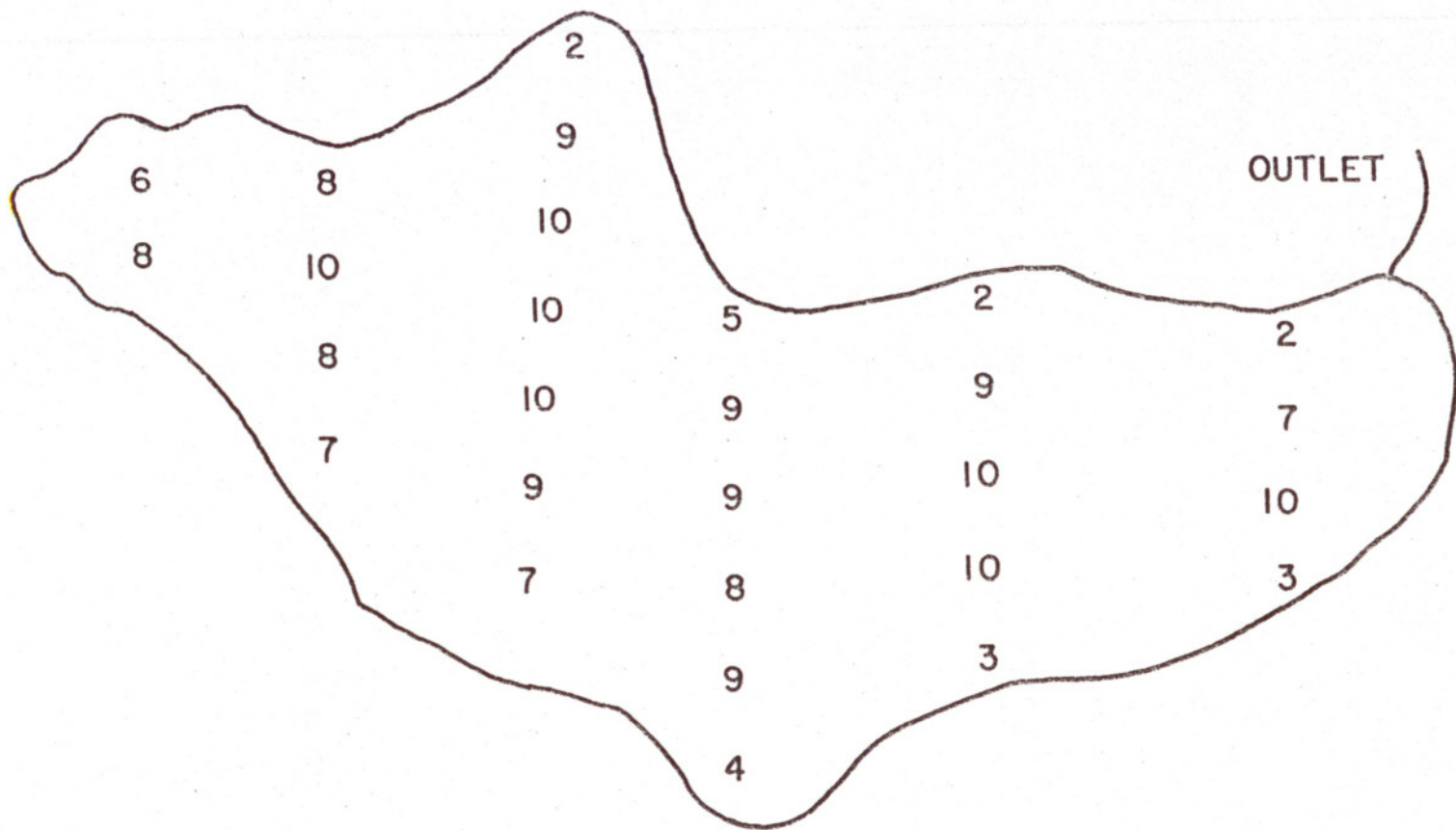
Access to Upper Oxhead Pond is via a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile 4-wheel drive road from Middle Oxhead Pond. Car-top boats or canoes are recommended as there is no trailer ramp.

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