

LOWER PATTEN POND

Ellsworth and Surry Twps, Hancock Co.
U.S.G.S. Branch Lake, ME (7 1/2')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon	Minnows
Brown trout	Golden shiner
Brook trout	Common shiner
Rainbow smelt	Fallfish(chub)
Alewife	White sucker
Smallmouth bass	Hornpout(bullhead)
White perch	Banded killifish
Yellow perch	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Chain pickerel	American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area- 741 acres	Temperatures
	Surface- 74°F
Maximum depth- 87 feet	80 feet- 42°F

Principal Fishery: Salmon, smallmouth bass, white perch, brown trout

Lower Patten Pond is a popular water located off Route 1 between Ellsworth and Bucksport. A public boat launching site, constructed and maintained by the town of Surry, is available in the outlet cove.

Water quality is suitable for salmonids. The salmon fishery is maintained by annual stockings. Although salmon growth fluctuates in concert with relative smelt abundance, most angled salmon range from 16 to 18-inches. To help maintain smelt abundance, all tributaries are closed to dipping.

The pond supports a modest fishery for wild brown trout. An increased minimum length on brown trout is in effect to ensure that all females have a chance to spawn at least once. Modest numbers of juvenile brown trout are produced in at least three tributaries. The pond produces some fish in the 5-7 pound class. This fishery is a valuable resource because such fisheries are rare in eastern Maine.

White perch are a popular quarry with both ice anglers and summer anglers. On the better days, a good proportion of a typical catch will be comprised of fish from 10 to 12-inches. Smallmouth bass were illegally introduced in the mid-1980's. Angler reports indicate that this sportfish is rapidly increasing in abundance with some fish reaching weights from 3 to 4 pounds.

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