SPRING RIVER LAKE T10 SD, Hancock Co. U.S.G.S. Tunk Lake, ME (7 1/2')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon Brown trout Brook trout Rainbow smelt Minnows

Golden shiner Common shiner Minnows(con't)
Fallfish(chub)
White sucker
Banded killifish
Threespine stickleback
Redbreast sunfish
American eel
Alewife

Physical Characteristics

Area- 704 acres

Temperatures

Surface- 75°F

Maximum depth- 28 feet

28 feet- 68°F

Principal Fishery: Brown trout, salmon

Spring River Lake is located north of Route 182 in T10 SD. Small boats and canoes can be launched at a public area at the lake's southern end. Boats must be carried a short distance from the parking area to the shore.

The lake provides marginal habitat for brown trout. However, during periods of hot weather, bottom temperatures become stressful and probably limit growth. Salmon were stocked periodically throughout the 1970's-80's, but failed to provide a consistent fishery. The salmon stocking program was terminated in 1990. Some adult salmon from Tunk Lake as well as wild juvenile salmon produced in Tunk Stream drop down into Spring River Lake, thereby providing a limited fishery.

Brown trout were introduced in 1992. A creel survey conducted during the 1994 ice fishing season revealed a fair fishery for this species with age III fish ranging from 15-17 inches in length.

A limited fishery for wild brook trout provides anglers with some 7 to 9 inch trout

along with an occasional large fish. A small spring brook at the lake's western end contains modest numbers of juvenile brook trout.

This water is very popular with bait fishermen who trap many lively common shiners, a favored bait with ice anglers. Anglers should exercise extreme caution in guarding against an accidental introduction of any additional species which could seriously jeopardize the fishery here and at Tunk Lake.

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