## WILLIAMS POND T28 MD, Hancock Co. U. S. G. S. Lead Mtn., Me.

## Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) Chain pickerel Minnows Blacknose dace

## **Physical Characteristics**

Area - 19 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 74° F.
Maximum depth - 22 feet	19 feet - 49° F.

Williams Pond is a small, relatively remote pond in eastern Hancock County. To get there take the Beddington CCC road from Rte. 9, the "Airline", at Beddington, and bear left in the general vicinity of Gould Brook. The pond is in the Narraguagus River drainage. There is no publicly owned boat landing.

Williams Pond provides fine water quality for brook trout, but pickerel are present and probably limit the fishery. Pond reclamation to remove the pickerel is impractical because the outlet is poorly adaptable to construction of a barrier dam to prevent re-entry of unwanted fish from downstream, and the presence of a small but boggy tributary sharply reduces chances for a complete fish kill.

Good quality spawning and nursery areas for trout are scarce at Williams Pond, and periodic stocking with large trout could improve the fishery. We recommend three trial stockings of trout. If follow-up checks on the trout population reveals no substantial increase in the trout population, stocking should be discontinued.

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