WITCHHOLE POND

Bar Harbor Twp., Hancock Co. U.S.G.S. Bar Harbor, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) Minnows Golden shiner Ninespine stickleback Pumpkinseed sunfish Banded killifish

Redbelly dace Eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 28 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 67° F.

Maximum depth - 33 feet

31 feet - 54°F.

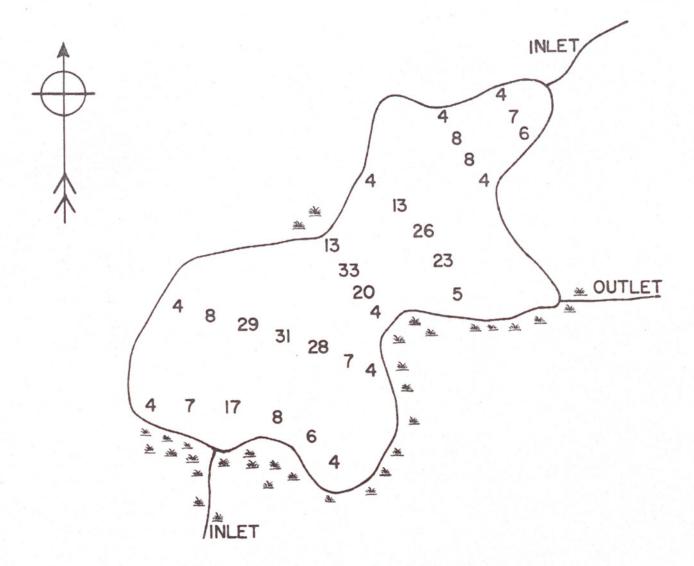
Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Witchhole Pond is a scenic little pond in Acadia National Park. You can get there by walking along one of the park carriage roads from the Duck Brook entrance. The outlet of Witchhole Pond flows precipitously into Duck Brook, and is steep enough to prevent all fish from getting into the pond from downstream waters. The shores of the pond are densely matted with floating leaves of cow lily, water shield, and pond weed.

Witchhole Pond is very low in oxygen in its deepest parts, but there is a layer of cool, well-oxygenated water between the 15 and 20 foot levels that will support trout. Since there are no opportunities for natural reproduction, annual stockings of fall fingerling brook trout are made.

Recent check-netting indicated that age 1+ trout averaged 9.2 inches and age 2+ trout averaged 11.5 inches in June. Survival appears to be good, as evidenced by trout abundance. The pond is popular with anglers for its consistent production of good catches of trout in the spring.

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