

YOUNGS POND

Otis Twp., Hancock Co. U.S.G.S. Beech Hill Pond, ME (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brook trout Minnows Golden shiner Banded killifish Threespine stickleback

Physical Characteristics

Area - 13acres Temperatures:

Surface - 78°F

Maximum depth - 27 feet

25 feet - 44°F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Youngs Pond is located several miles north of Beech Hill Pond in Otis. Access is over a dirt road off Route 180. A landing is available to launch a canoe/small boat.

The pond contains an adequate volume of cool, well-oxygenated water suitable for brook trout management. Fall fingerlings are stocked annually, and generally provide a satisfactory fishery. Special regulations in effect include fly fishing only, and a 14 inch minimum legal length limit on trout. Because of these stringent regulations, the pond is basically a catch and release water providing novice-intermediate level fly fishermen an excellent chance to catch and release 8-10 inch trout. A recent check netting survey in 1999 revealed a healthy population of trout. Age I+ fish averaged 9.7 in long while the holdover, age II+ fish averaged 14.9 in long. Because few trout are harvested, the stocking rate was reduced in 1997. This change has likely contributed to the improved condition of trout observed in recent years.

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