

CHAMBERLAIN POND

Belgrade Twp., Kennebec County U.S.G.S. Augusta, Maine

Fishes

Brown trout Smallmouth bass Minnows Golden shiner Hornpout (bullhead) Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 6 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 69°F 24 feet - 47°F

Maximum depth - 24 feet

Principal fisheries: Brown trout, hornpout

Chamberlain Pond is one of many waters in Maine that have been reclaimed to remove species which compete with brook trout. Since the most recent reclamation in 1964, four species of fish have become re-established. Unfortunately, brook trout growth and survival has declined because of competition with these "rough fish" Therefore, the brook trout management program was abandoned in favor of brown trout. Brown trout can better compete with undesirable species under marginal water quality conditions. Due to the small size of Chamberlain Pond only a small number of brown trout can be stocked annually. Therefore, anglers can expect low catch rates but may be rewarded with larger than average size fish.

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