

## FAIRBANKS POND

## Manchester Twp., Kennebec County U.S.G.S. Belgrade, Maine

Fishes

Brown trout White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner Hornpout (bullhead)

**Physical Characteristics** 

Area - 14 acres

Temperatures: Surface - 79°F 35 feet - 52°F

Maximum depth - 35 feet

Principal fisheries: Brown trout, chain pickerel, white perch

Fairbanks Pond is one of the many small kettle hole ponds in the area known as 'Summer Haven'. These ponds tend to have clear water and most are capable of maintaining a coldwater fishery. Unfortunately, these ponds don't have good spawning habitat; therefore, routine maintenance stockings are needed to maintain the fisheries.

Brown trout were initially stocked on an experimental basis in 1954. Follow-up studies indicated brown trout were thriving and annual stockings have continued. Although, the majority of brown trout sampled at Fairbanks Pond are 2 and 3 years old, fish as old as 10 years have been captured.

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