PLEASANT POND (MUD POND)

Litchfield, Gardiner, and West Gardiner Twps., Kennebec County Richmond Twp., Sagadahoc County U.S.G.S. Gardiner, Maine

Fishes

Brown trout Brook trout Rainbow smelt Smallmouth bass Largemouth bass White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel

Minnows Golden shiner White sucker Hornpout (bullhead) Pumpkinseed sunfish Black crappie American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 746 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 74° F.

25 feet - 67° F.

Maximum depth - 26 feet

Principal Fishery: Smallmouth bass, Largemouth bass, Chain pickerel

Pleasant Pond in the Cobbosseecontee Stream drainage provides some of the best largemouth bass fishing in Central Maine. Largemouth bass became established here by migrating from Cobbosseecontee Stream and introductions made under the supervision Regional Fishery Biologists.

Pleasant Pond once provided an excellent smallmouth bass fishery but siltation of the rocky gravel shores combined with the explosive growth of aquatic vegetation have severely affected the smallmouth bass population. Conversely, the abundant weedy areas is considered ideal habitat for largemouth bass and pickerel. The excellent largemouth bass fishery can be attributed to the habitat.

A state-owned boat launch facility is located at the south end Pleasant Pond. Unfortunately, there is no parking area and boaters must park along side the road causing a dangerous situation.

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