

## **WATSON POND**

Rome Twp., Kennebec Co. U.S.G.S. Belgrade Lakes, Me. (7.5')

## **Fishes**

Brook trout Smallmouth bass White perch Chain pickerel Minnows
Golden shiner
Hornpout (bullhead)
Pumpkinseed sunfish
American eel

## **Physical Characteristics**

Area - 66 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 69°F 24 feet - 58°F

Maximum depth - 24 feet

Principal fisheries: Smallmouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel

Although Watson Pond maintains water quality that could support a brook trout fishery, the heavy competition from warmwater fishes severely limits this fishery. Chemically removing the warmwater fish combined with annual stockings of brook trout could provide an attractive fishery. Unfortunately, this management strategy is not currently feasible due to the lack of deeded public access and the lack of an adequate barrier dam on the outlet.

Without public access, the general angler has limited opportunity to fish Watson Pond. The winter white perch fishery historically has maintained the most interest for anglers.

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