BILLINGS POND #1

Parmachenee Twp., Oxford County
U.S.G.S. Rump Mountain, Maine (7½')

Fishes

Brook trout

Minnows
Redbelly dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 20 acres

Maximum depth - 12 feet

Temperatures
Surface - 71°F
12 feet - 65°F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

The Billings Ponds are located east of Ledge Ridge. Billings Pond #1 is the largest of the group and has no major inlets. A small, sometimes dry outlet leads southeast into the Magalloway River. The pond's shoreline is undeveloped.

Water quality in Billings Pond #1 is marginal for coldwater gamefish. Water temperatures reach critically high levels on the surface while oxygen levels are low in the deeper areas during the summer months. Spawning and nursery habitat is lacking, so the brook trout population depends on upstream movement via the outlet during high water events. Trout growth is good with only light competition from minnows. The pond is not stocked.

Billings Pond #1 is inaccessible to the general public due to private gated roads. The pond is open under general law in the summer and closed to winter fishing.

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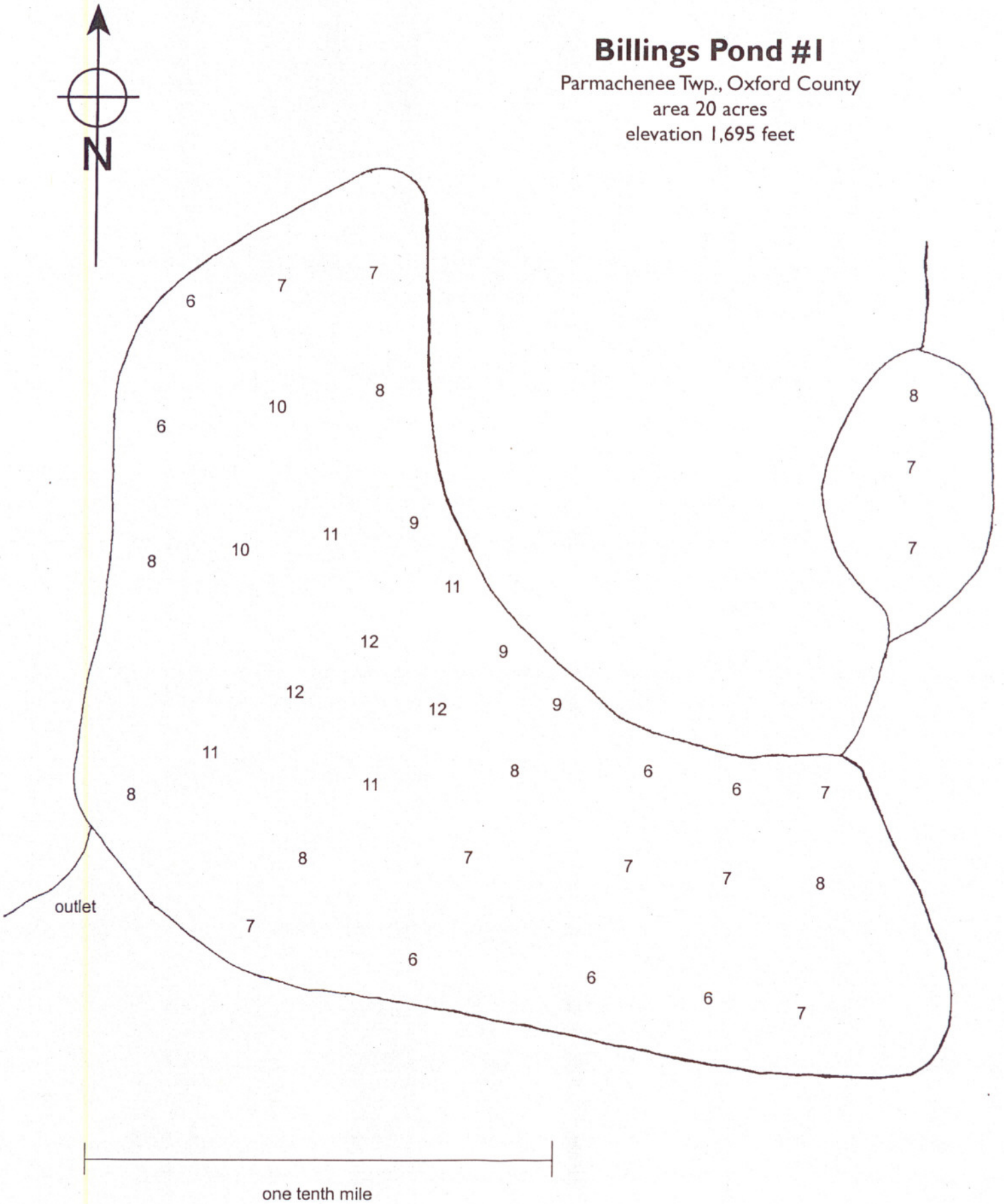
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area 20 acres
elevation 1,695 feet