

LOVELL TWP., OXFORD CO., MAINE

AREA 32 ACRES

TENTH OF MILE

CUSHMAN POND

Lovell Twp., Oxford Co. U.S.G.S. North Waterford, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brook trout Rainbow smelt Minnows
Golden shiner
Blacknose dace
Hornpout (bullhead)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 32 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 71°F

Maximum depth - 21 feet 21 feet - 56°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

Cushman Pond is a small, trout pond located a short distance outside of the White Mountain National Forest. The shorelines are partially developed with camps and permanent residences, yet it still retains a scenic character. This pond is managed for coldwater gamefish.

Cushman Pond thermally stratifies in the summer, and a band of cold, oxygenated water is available for salmonid management. This water was chemically reclaimed in 1955 and 1967 to remove competing species and allow for intensive management of brook trout, but unfortunately several competing species have become reestablished through illegal introductions into Trout Pond. A relatively good fishery for brook trout exists, but competition has limited their performance. A small amount of brook trout natural reproduction occurs in the outlet of Trout Pond; however, annual stocking is required to maintain a fishery.

Cushman Pond experienced milfoil problems in the late 1990's, and was chemically treated with an aquatic herbicide by DEP. It was suspected that bait dealers may have inadvertently introduced the milfoil from another pond, so the pond was closed to bait dealers after treatment.

A traditional access for canoes and car-top boats is located adjacent to the dam. The access site is located off the Cushman Pond Road.

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