Horseshoe Pond Stoneham and Lovell Twps., Oxford Co. U.S.G.S. Center Lovell (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brown trout Brook trout Smelt Smallmouth bass Yellow perch Chain pickerel White sucker Minnows Golden shiner

Physical Characteristics

Area-132 acres

Temperature Surface - 74°F 39 feet - 55°F

Maximum depth- 40 feet

Principal fishery- Brown trout, brook trout and smallmouth bass

Suggested Management

Horseshoe Pond, located in The White Mtn. National Forest in Stoneham, is ideally suited for both coldwater and warmwater fisheries management. An oxygen deficiency below 25-30 feet limits the available summer habitat for coldwater species, but there is enough cool well oxygenated water to support both brook trout and brown trout.

Because there is very little, if any, natural reproduction of brook trout or brown trout, annual stockings of these species are necessary to maintain the populations. Smelts, golden shiners, and insects provide the primary forage for the trout.

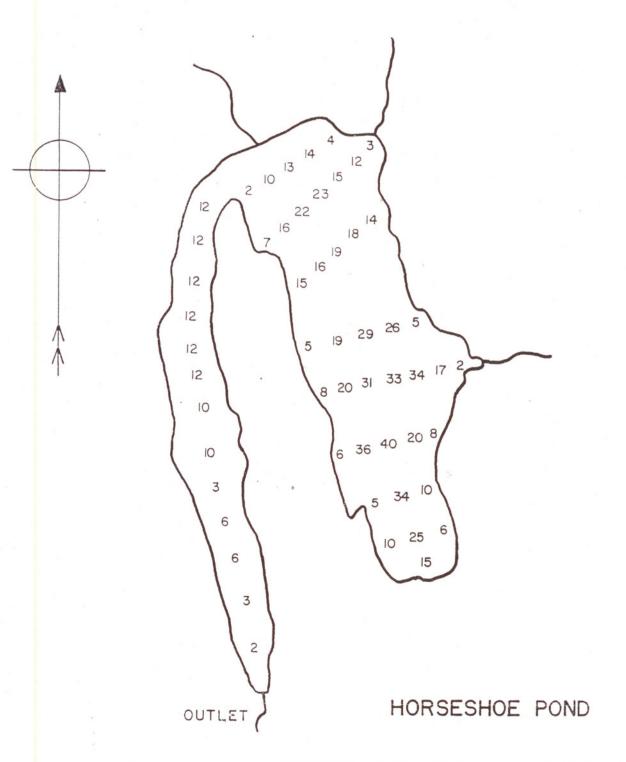
In addition to the trout fishery, Horseshoe Pond's boulder and gravel substrate also provide excellent habitat for smallmouth bass.

The tributaries are closed to the taking of smelts in order to protect them from overharvest and to provide additional forage for the trout. A 6-horsepower limit is in effect on outboard motors.

A dirt ramp located at the outlet provides access for canoes and small boats.

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