

SONGO POND Albany & Bethel Twps., Oxford Co. U.S.G.S. Bethel, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brook trout Rainbow smelt Smallmouth bass Largemouth bass White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner Common shiner White sucker Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 224 acres

Maximum depth - 25 feet

Temperatures: Surface - 75°F 25 feet - 55°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout, rainbow smelt, smallmouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel

Songo Pond is a shallow pond with a long and narrow profile. The moderately developed shoreline is predominantly rocky with a few stretches of sandy beaches. The southern portion of the pond is weedy and shallow. This water is primarily managed for its warmwater fish species.

This pond thermally stratifies each summer, but a dissolved oxygen deficiency develops in the deeper, colder waters. Late summer water quality is extremely limited for salmonid management. However, the Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife stocks catchable sized brook trout to provide a seasonal "put-and-take" fishery. Landlocked salmon were stocked for several years in the early 1990's, but discontinued due to poor growth and low returns. In addition, a small population of smelt provides a hook and line fishery in the winter.

Smallmouth bass, white perch, and pickerel fisheries provide angling opportunities for both summer and winter anglers. Pickerel fishing, supplemented by white perch appears to be popular among local winter anglers.

An access site for canoes or car-top boats is located along Rte. 5 midway along the pond.

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