

STEARNS POND

Sweden Twp., Oxford Co., Me. U.S.G.S. N. Waterford and Pleasant Mtn., Me., (7.5')

Fishes

Brown trout Rainbow smelt Smallmouth bass Largemouth bass White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner White sucker Hornpout (bullhead) Pumpkinseed sunfish American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 255 acres

Maximum depth - 47 feet

Temperatures: Surface - 77°F 45 feet - 49°F

Principal fisheries: Brown trout, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and pickerel

Stearns Pond, located east of Route 93 in Sweden, is well suited to both coldwater and warmwater fisheries management. Brown trout are stocked annually and are utilizing the abundant smelt population as forage. Brown trout are also utilizing the inlet streams for spawning, but stocking is necessary to provide an adequate fishery.

The quality of fishing in Stearns Pond is further enhanced by the diversity of warmwater game fish present. Bass feed extensively on the juvenile perch as well as the smelts, and exhibit excellent growth. White perch also exhibit excellent growth at Stearns Pond and provide lots of action during both the summer and winter fishing seasons.

A town owned boat ramp, located off the North Bridgton Road, provides access for canoes or small boats.

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