

TWITCHELL POND

Woodstock Twp., Oxford Co. U.S.G.S. Bryant Pond, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

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

Physical Characteristics

Area - 179 acres

Maximum depth - 47 feet

Temperatures: Surface - 70°F 47 feet - 52°F

Principal fisheries: Brown trout, brook trout, smallmouth bass, white perch

Twitchell Pond is located in the upper reaches of the Little Androscoggin watershed. The shoreline of this pond is fairly well developed for the area, but it does offer a scenic bluff on its western shore.

This water thermally stratifies each summer and has a band of cool, oxygenated water, which is suitable for salmonids. The coldwater fisheries focuses primarily on brown trout management due to water quality limitations and heavy competition from warmwater species. There is some limited reproduction of brown trout in the tributaries, but annual stocking is required to maintain the fishery. In addition, small numbers of larger fall yearling brook trout are stocked to provide some additional "put-and-take" opportunities for the ice fishing season.

A good fishery also exists for smallmouth bass and white perch. The diversity of gamefish makes this pond popular among local anglers.

A small, dirt boat access is located adjacent to the dam on the outlet.

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