## BLUFFER POND T8R11, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Spider Lake, Me.

## Fishes

## Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows Redbelly dace

## **Physical Characteristics**

Area – 40 acres

Temperatures Surface  $-66^{\circ}$  F. 5 feet  $-66^{\circ}$  F.

Maximum depth — 6 feet

Principal fishery: Brook trout

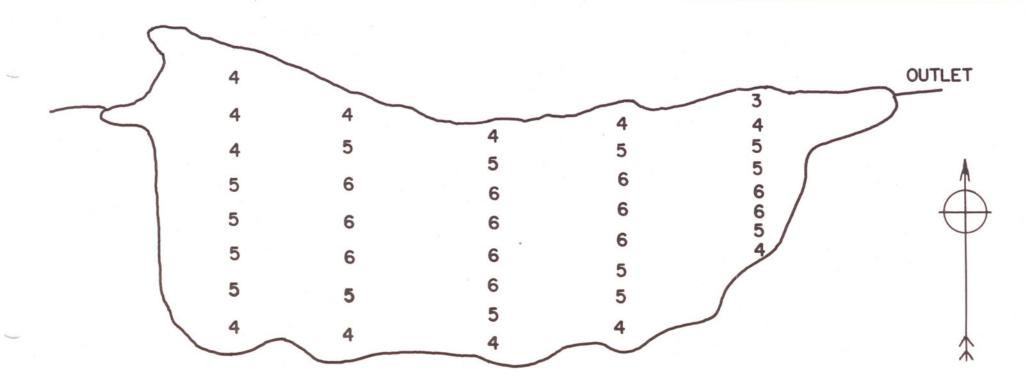
Bluffer Pond is located at the base of Bluffer Ridge in an area covered by softwood forest. The bottom of the pond is covered with silt except near the outlet which has a rock and gravel substrate. Water temperatures in this shallow pond are quite warm for brook trout, which must seek out springs or other sources of cool water during periods of warm weather.

The major inlet and the outlet both provide good to excellent spawning and nursery area for brook trout, making stocking unnecessary at this time. Brook trout growth is above average for northern Maine.

Minnows in the pond do not seriously compete with brook trout for space and food.

Access to this pond is by trail from Munsungan Lake, a walk of over four miles. Existing general law fishing regulations are adequate to protect the Bluffer Pond brook trout fishery at the present time.

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BLUFFER POND T8RII, PISCATAQUIS CO., ME. AREA 40 ACRES O\_\_\_\_\_I ONE TENTH MILE