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

## Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows Redbelly dace

## Physical Characteristics

Area — 15 acres

Temperatures Surface  $-70^{\circ}$  F.  $4 \text{ feet } -70^{\circ}$  F.

Maximum depth - 4 feet

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Upper Bluffer Pond is a small, marshy pond with floating bog along the south shore and emergent weeds growing in several places. The pond is surrounded by softwood growth. Water temperatures become quite warm during the summer, and brook trout seek cool springy areas to survive.

The outlet, though small, contains adequate spawning and nursery area for brook trout. A beaver dam at the outlet adds approximately 6 inches to the depth of the pond. Two small inlets are not suitable as brook trout habitat, but provide sources of cool water during periods of warm weather.

This pond is currently accessible only by a long walk through the woods. However, current cutting operations to the west of the pond may lead to improved access in the future.

General regulations are sufficient to protect the limited trout fishery at Upper Bluffer Pond.

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