

BURNHAM POND
T2 R6, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Moosehead Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squeartail)
Hornpout (bullhead)
White sucker

Minnows
Pearl dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 426 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 10 feet

Surface - 65° F.
8 feet - 65° F.

Burnham Pond is a large, shallow body of water that can be reached by walking approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile on a good trail from the Greenville-Rockwood road. The trail ends at a dead-water that leads to the pond.

The shoreline of Burnham Pond is mostly rocky with some gravelly areas present. The bottom of the pond has several feet of very soft mud that swirls around when a canoe paddle is moved near it. Wind action keeps the mud stirred most of the time.

Some good catches of trout are taken from Burnham, but they are taken by a few anglers who know exactly where to fish. Practically all of the pond is less than three feet deep.

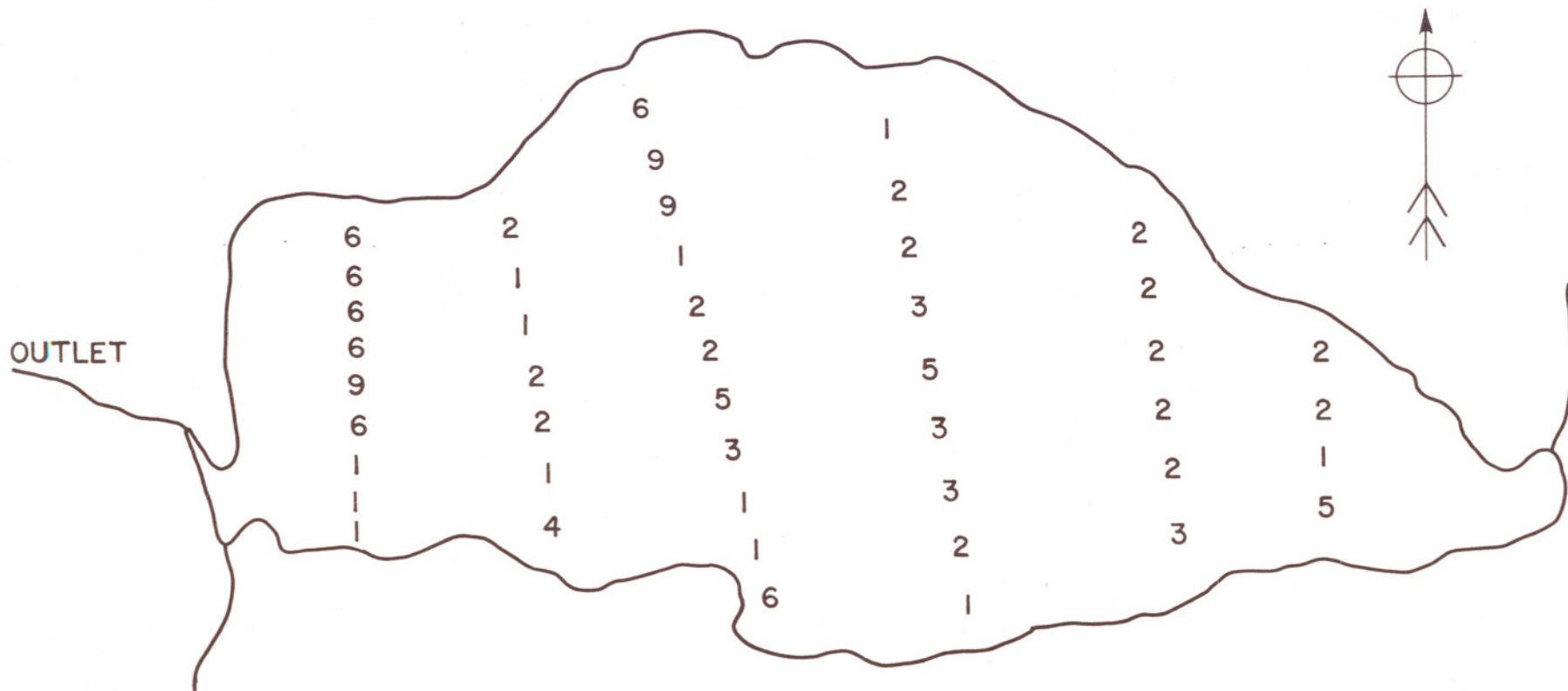
The two small tributaries and the outlet are boggy, and they are of little value as trout spawning areas. A few small riffles are present in the outlet where young trout could grow. However, there are some good gravelly areas along the shore that can be used by spawning trout.

Large numbers of suckers and hornpout are present to compete with the trout. A gillnet catch of 298 suckers was made during the survey.

The stocking of hatchery trout should be discontinued for the following reasons:

1. A very small area of the pond is suitable for brook trout.
2. Spawning facilities along the shore are adequate to produce trout for the amount of trout habitat available.
3. Large numbers of suckers and hornpout are competing with the trout.

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