## CENTER POND

T4R10 WELS, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Doubletop Mt., ME (7 1/2')

## FISHES

Brook trout

## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Area: 12 acres Temperature: Surface - 65°F. Maximum depth: 6 feet

## Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Located in the heart of Baxter State Park, Center Pond is typical of many high elevation trout ponds. Dead, timber from the standing spruce infestation surrounds the budworm pond, interspersed with some red spruce, birch, and aspen regeneration. A floating bog on the south end by the outlet affords the best opportunity to fish from shore.

Center Pond is a shallow, weedy pond, with water temperatures equal from top to bottom. Abundant springs throughout the pond serve to harbor trout during the summer months. One small inlet is of little value as spawning or nursery habitat, but the outlet is of some use for brook trout reproduction and nursery. Most of the trout are produced within the pond by natural spawning in gravely spring seeps.

The NLFAB regulation in effect in all Baxter Park waters has prevented the introduction of new species of fish. Presently, the 5-fish daily bag limit, and the 6-inch length limit offer adequate protection.

Access to the pond is via a 4-mile hike up a trail that originates from the Perimeter Road by the Nesourdnahunk Field Campground.

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