## LITTLE CHURCHILL POND T10 R13, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Clayton Lake, Me.

## Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) Minnows Creek chub Minnows (cont'd.) Blacknose dace Finescale dace

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 25 acres

Temperatures Surface - 72°F.

Maximum depth - 5 feet

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Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Little Churchill Pond is shallow and has a muddy bottom, but ledges and pine trees along much of the shoreline make it a picturesque pond. There is a clearing on the northwest corner of the pond, and evidence that buildings once stood at the site. Because Little Churchill Pond is shallow and water temperatures are warm, it is considered marginal habitat for brook trout. Trout taken during the survey showed average growth for the area, however.

The pond has two small inlets, neither of which contains suitable brook trout spawning habitat. While the outlet does contain spawning gravel, access is limited by an old beaver dam. Still, brook trout are able to reproduce in numbers to sufficiently populate this small pond.

Until recently Little Churchill Pond was a remote pond, but a new logging road passing within 300 yards of the pond has made access with a four-wheel drive vehicle possible.

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