MIDDLE ELBOW POND

T10 R10, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Fifth Musquacook Lake, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brook trout Yellow perch Minnows

Lake chub Common shiner

Redbelly dace

Blacknose dace

Creek chub

White sucker Banded killifish

Threespine stickleback

American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 52 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 64°F

Maximum depth - 4 feet

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Principal fishery: Brook trout

Middle Elbow Pond is a shallow pond with a soft mud bottom and is surrounded by a wide area of heath bog. During the hot summer months water temperatures become too warm for trout and they must seek the cool water of springs and tributaries to survive.

Trout production in Middle Elbow Pond is seriously limited by both marginal water quality and abundant populations of yellow perch, suckers and minnows that compete with trout for available food and space. The trout population is maintained by natural reproduction in the two inlets and by migration from adjoining waters.

Access to Middle Elbow Pond is via private gravel roads built and maintained by large landowners for forest management purposes. A short foot trail completes the hand carry access to the pond.

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