

GARLAND POND Sebec and Dover-Foxcroft Twps., Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Dover-Foxcroft, Me (7 ½)

Fishes

Brook trout Splake Minnows Golden shiner Blacknose dace Creek chub Hornpout (bullhead)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 28 acres

Maximum depth - 38 feet

Temperatures: Surface - 76⁰F 31 feet - 43⁰F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout, splake

Garland Pond was reclaimed in 1955 to remove smallmouth bass, suckers, and other species that limited the pond's ability to produce brook trout. Following the reclamation, the fishery has been supported with annual stockings of hatchery-reared brook trout.

In the 1970s, other species became reestablished, most likely through the illegal use of live fish as bait. It appears that the barrier dam on the outlet remains effective as smallmouth bass and suckers have not migrated back into Garland Pond from the Piscataquis River.

During late summer, the water below 15 feet suffers from a depletion of dissolved oxygen. There is a narrow layer of water cool enough and with sufficient dissolved oxygen to carry brook trout through the heat of summer.

The periodic stocking of splake began in 1994. The splake will utilize the unwanted minnow species and provide the opportunity to catch larger fish than those produced by the stocked brook trout.

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