

HOLBROOK POND T2R11 and T3R11, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Rainbow Lake West, Me (7 ½)

Fishes

Brook trout Splake Minnows Lake chub Redbelly dace Finescale dace Blacknose dace Creek chub White sucker Burbot (cusk) Slimy sculpin

Physical Characteristics

Area - 224 acres

Maximum depth - 80 feet

Temperatures: Surface - 72⁰F 72 feet - 46⁰F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout, splake

Holbrook Pond is located north of Rainbow Lake, within the area burned by the Rainbow Fire of 1924. Access is by footpath from a graveled logging road.

Holbrook Pond has excellent water quality for coldwater fish. Dissolved oxygen is abundant at all depths. However, the shoreline is steep and provides very little habitat of moderate depth that is preferred by brook trout. The lack of suitable spawning area also limits the pond's potential to maintain a wild brook trout population abundant enough to produce an acceptable fishery.

In 1987, splake stocking was initiated to provide an additional species to fish for in Holbrook Pond. Examination of Holbrook Pond splake stomachs shows they feed on suckers, cusk, and minnows. Splake management should continue as long as survival and growth are good.

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