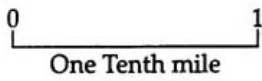
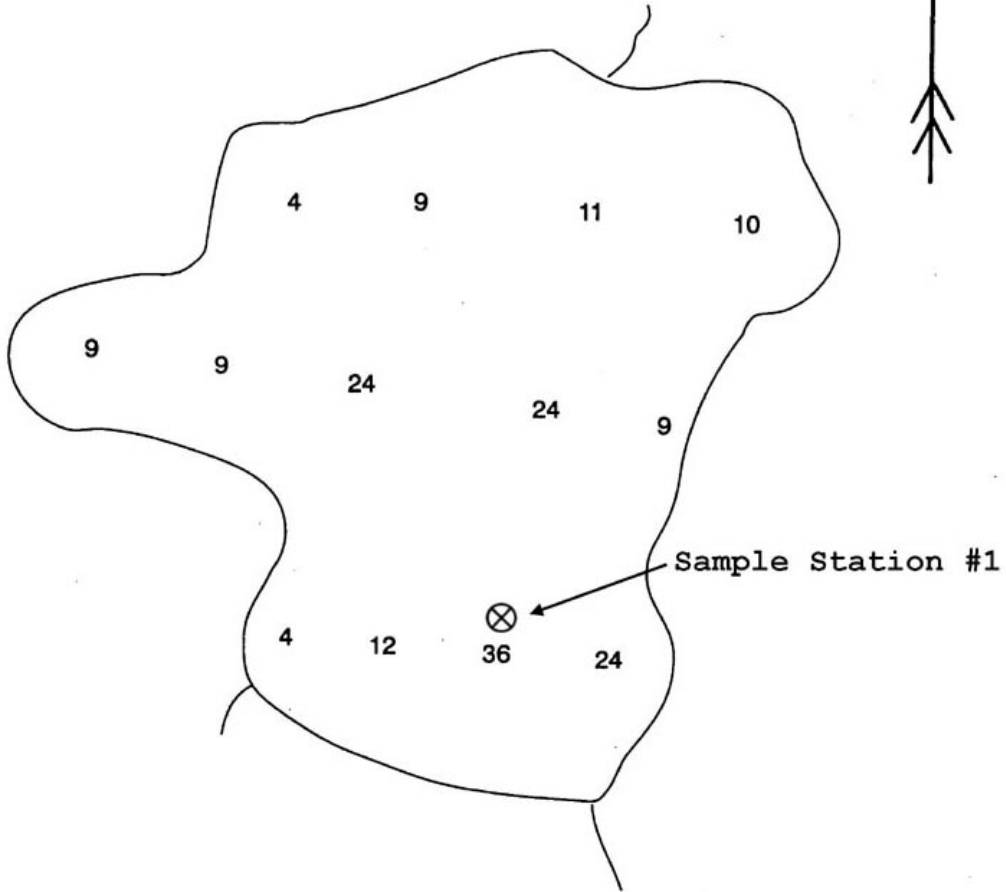


Midas #930
Mill Brook Pond
Bowerbank, Piscataquis Co., ME
Area 34 Acres



MILL BROOK POND

Bowerbank, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Sebec Lake East, Me (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brook trout
Minnows
Golden shiner

Fathead minnow
Creek chub
Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 34 acres

Maximum depth - 34 feet

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

Temperatures:

Surface - 72°F
34 feet - 44°F

Mill Brook Pond is located several miles north of the east end of Sebec Lake in the town of Bowerbank. Access to the pond has recently been improved to allow two wheel drive vehicles within a mile of the pond. The remaining 1 mile of road is in poor shape and marginally accessible by 4 wheel drive vehicles. Most anglers travel on foot or by ATV for the last mile. A camp is located on the shore near the outlet and a small camping area is located on the inlet. Several boats were found at both sites.

The south and east shores of the pond are ledge and many spring seeps were located. The northwest shore is low and vegetated with shrubs. Several springs were also found on this shore.

Many young-of-the-year brook trout were found in the spring tributary on the southwest shore just beyond the camp. Young trout were also found in the inlet on the north shore. Both tributaries contain some gravel areas adequate for trout spawning. The outlet of the pond is a large ledge with a 6-foot drop to the stream channel. The remains of a small dam are present. The outlet presents an impasse to fish moving upstream. The small amount of gravel and rocks present in the pond just above the falls could provide some spawning opportunity for trout.

The water quality at Mill Brook Pond is sufficient to support coldwater gamefish. At the time of the survey the pond stratified at 15 feet and ample oxygen was found to a depth of 26 feet.

Mill Brook Pond could be susceptible to over-exploitation in the future if access improves. More conservative length and bag limits may be required. No live fish as bait should be implemented to reduce the risk of introducing any other species.

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