

MOUNTAIN POND

TA2 R13 & 14 and T8 R10 (West Bowdoin College Grant),
Piscataquis Co.

U. S. G. S. First Roach Pond, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows

Golden shiner

Pearl dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 56 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 53° F.

Maximum depth - 10 feet

8 feet - 52° F.

Mountain Pond is a kidney-shaped pond lying at the eastern base of Prong Mountain. The rocky shoreline slopes abruptly to a silted bottom. Aquatic vegetation grows abundantly in the shallower water. Water quality is excellent for brook trout. It is unlikely that water temperatures will ever become too warm for brook trout in Mountain Pond because of its high elevation and the abundant seepage of spring water it receives.

The outlet has gravel spawning beds for trout located near the pond, and trout nursery areas, consisting of boulders, logs, and undercut stream banks, are also present. A series of falls on the outlet approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile below the pond acts as a barrier to all upstream fish movement.

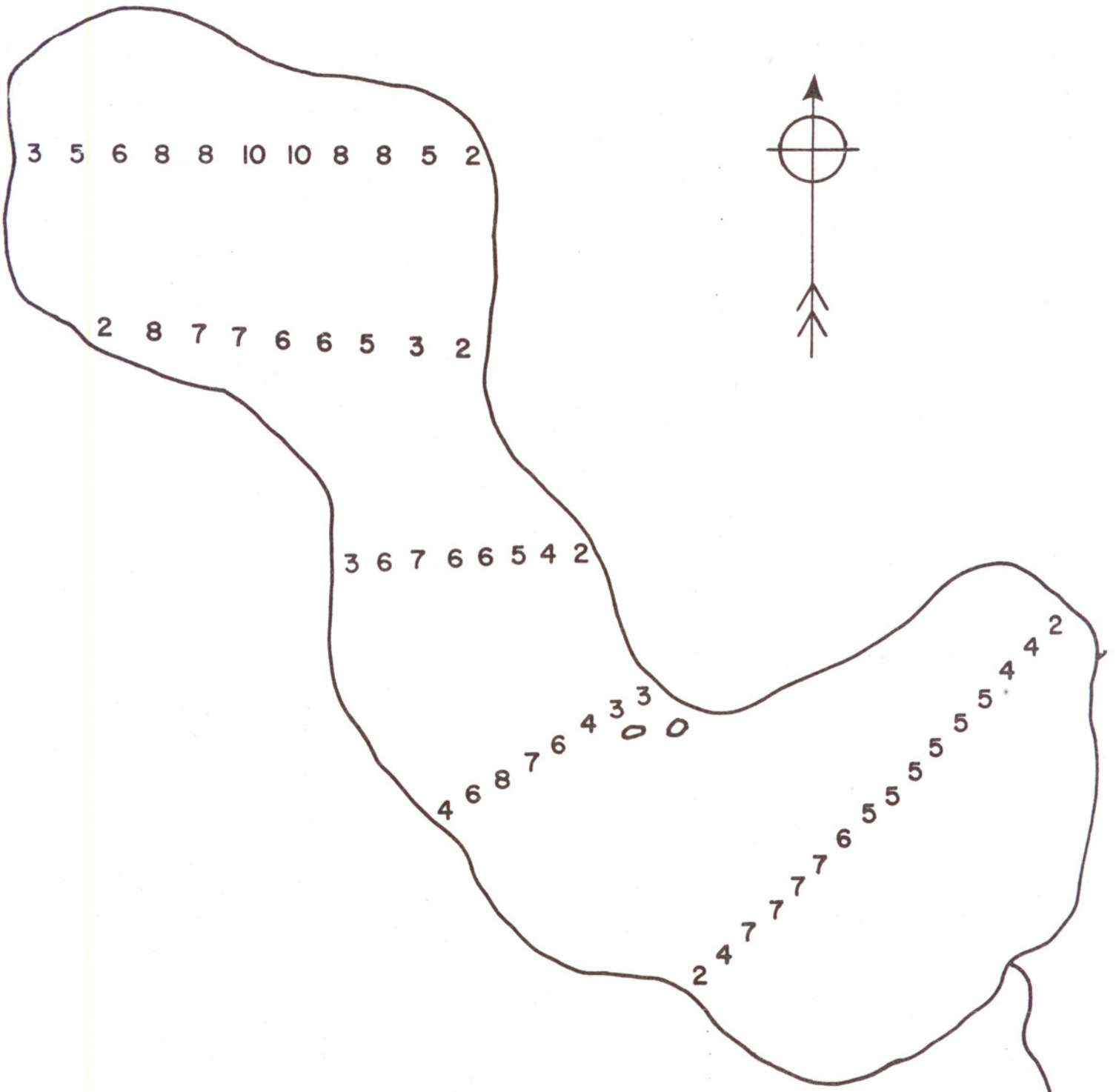
Mountain Pond has an excellent brook trout population. The falls on the outlet and the fly-fishing-only regulation now in force should insure against further introduction of undesired species. The two small minnows now present in Mountain Pond are not yet considered serious competitors with the brook trout, and, in fact, the larger trout feed on them.

Anglers may have a more difficult time reaching Mountain Pond in the future. A jeep presently can be driven within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of the pond, but the road is washing out rapidly and the distance that the fisherman must walk will continue to increase. However, the pond is large enough to accommodate small airplanes.

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PISCATAQUIS CO., MAINE

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