

NORTON POND
(Peters Pond)
Brownville Twp., Piscataquis Co.
U. S. G. S. Schoodic, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 24 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 70° F.

Maximum depth - 11 feet

10 feet - 65° F.

Many Maine ponds have good habitat for trout, but large numbers of other fish compete for the same areas, eat similar foods, and in most cases are more aggressive than our native brook trout. Many of these ponds were considered good trout fishing in the past, but, as other fish were introduced, trout were displaced.

Some ponds with good trout habitat can be reclaimed and can again produce trout instead of thousands of pounds of fish that no one cares to eat or catch. To reclaim a pond, a chemical toxic to fish is mixed with the water to kill the existing fish population. Other ponds with equally good habitat for trout may not be suitable for reclamation because boggy areas, springs, and tributary streams provide hiding places for the fish where it is virtually impossible to apply the chemical effectively.

Norton Pond has good brook trout habitat, but it was never known to have a trout fishery. Large populations of yellow perch, pickerel, hornpout, suckers, sunfish, and minnows dominated the pond for years. In preparation for reclamation, the Three Rivers Fish and Game Club of Milo built a barrier dam on the outlet to prevent fish from entering the pond from below.

Norton Pond was reclaimed in September 1962. Legal-sized brook trout were stocked in 1963, and fingerling trout will be stocked annually.

The pond is now open to fishing under the following regulations:

1. A five-trout bag limit;
2. The use or possession of live fish as bait prohibited; and
3. Closure to ice fishing.

These regulations are designed to allow a larger number of anglers to share the catch of trout and to prevent reintroduction of undesirable fish.

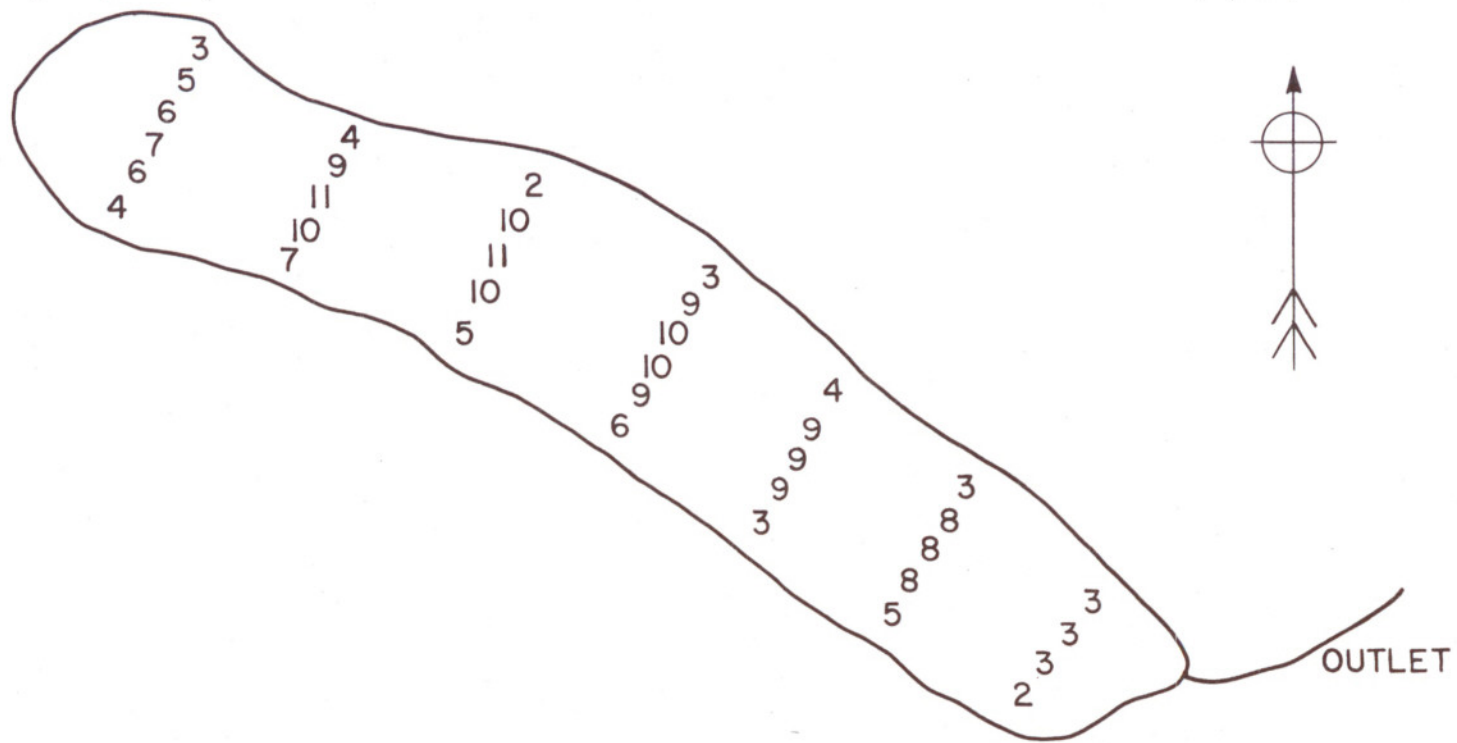
Fishermen can reach Norton Pond by following the road which leads to Knights Landing on Schoodic Lake. Approximately 1/2 mile west of Schoodic Lake a road to the north will take the angler within 50 yards of Norton Pond. A small side road beyond the barrier dam is suitable for vehicles having above-average clearance. Boats can be launched at this site when the road is in good condition.

Surveyed - August 1961

Revised - 1963

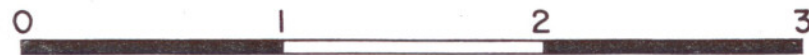
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