PRESCOTT POND

Elliotsville Twp, Piscataquis Co. ME U.S.G.S. Barren Mountain West

Fishes

Brook trout

Minnows Golden shiner Finescale dace

Physical Characteristics

Area – 14 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth- 24 feet

Surface - 67° F 20 feet - 46° F

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Prescott Pond is located along an old tote road near the Appalachian Trail in Elliotsville. ATV's can access the pond from either the Elliotsville Rd or from Greenville along the Bob Young Road. It is accessible to within 1/2 mile by 4-wheel drive vehicles only during dry periods. There is one camp on the south end of the pond.

The surrounding forest is mostly softwood with typical shrubs along the shoreline. An active beaver dam was holding about 4 feet of water on the pond at the time of the survey. The outlet below the dam is steep with pockets of gravel. There are several ledge drops of 4 to 6 feet that are probably impasses to upstream fish movement. No inlets were observed during the survey.

Although no trout were taken during the survey, reports from anglers and wardens confirm their presence. Several boats were found along the shoreline with evidence of past fishing activity. The numbers of trout are probably very low. Competition is minimal from the two minnow species present.

Water quality is adequate to support a coldwater fishery. The pond was stratified and there was sufficient oxygen in the thermocline. There was an oxygen deficiency below the thermocline, which is typical of deeper ponds in this region.

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