

RABBIT POND

T1 R11 WELS, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Nahmakanta Stream, Me (7 ½')

Fishes

Brook trout Minnows
Creek chub

Physical Characteristics

Area - 7 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 77°F

Maximum depth - 11 feet 11 feet 11 feet 12 feet 12 feet 12 feet 12 feet 13 feet 14 feet 15 feet 15 feet 15 feet 15 feet 15 feet 16 fee

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

Rabbit Pond is located on Turtle Ridge in the Nahmakanta Lake Public Lot. A well maintained hiking trail from the Jo-Mary Road to the pond has recently been completed. This trail is part of the Turtle Ridge trail system developed by the Bureau of Public Lands. It is approximately ¾ of a mile to the pond.

The pond is surrounded by softwood forest. There is a ledge area with blueberries and other shrubs on the east end of the pond near the outlet.

Most of the pond is shallow with aquatic vegetation. There is a small area of deeper, cool water near the west end of the pond. The only tributary to the pond, on the north shore, was dry at the time of the survey. There was gravel present in the upper reaches of the stream. Also, there were pockets of gravel in the outlet that may be suitable for trout spawning. However, a short distance below the pond, the outlet fell over an impassable ledge falls. No young-of-the-year trout were observed in either of these areas.

The small size, limited amount of depth, and lack of spawning habitat would make Rabbit Pond susceptible to over-exploitation if use increases.

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