

LITTLE ROCKY POND  
T3 R10, Piscataquis Co.  
U. S. G. S. Harrington Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows

Finescale dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 16 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 22 feet

Surface - 66° F.

Principal Fishery - Brook trout

22 feet - 44° F.

Little Rocky Pond, situated in Baxter State Park, can be reached by trail from Kidney Pond to Rocky Pond, across Rocky Pond by canoe and up the inlet a short distance to Little Rocky. The view of Mt. Katahdin and other peaks is spectacular from Rocky and Little Rocky Ponds. Dense spruce and fir growth surrounds these ponds, and a moose feeding on white water lilies near shore paid little attention to our activities during the biological survey.

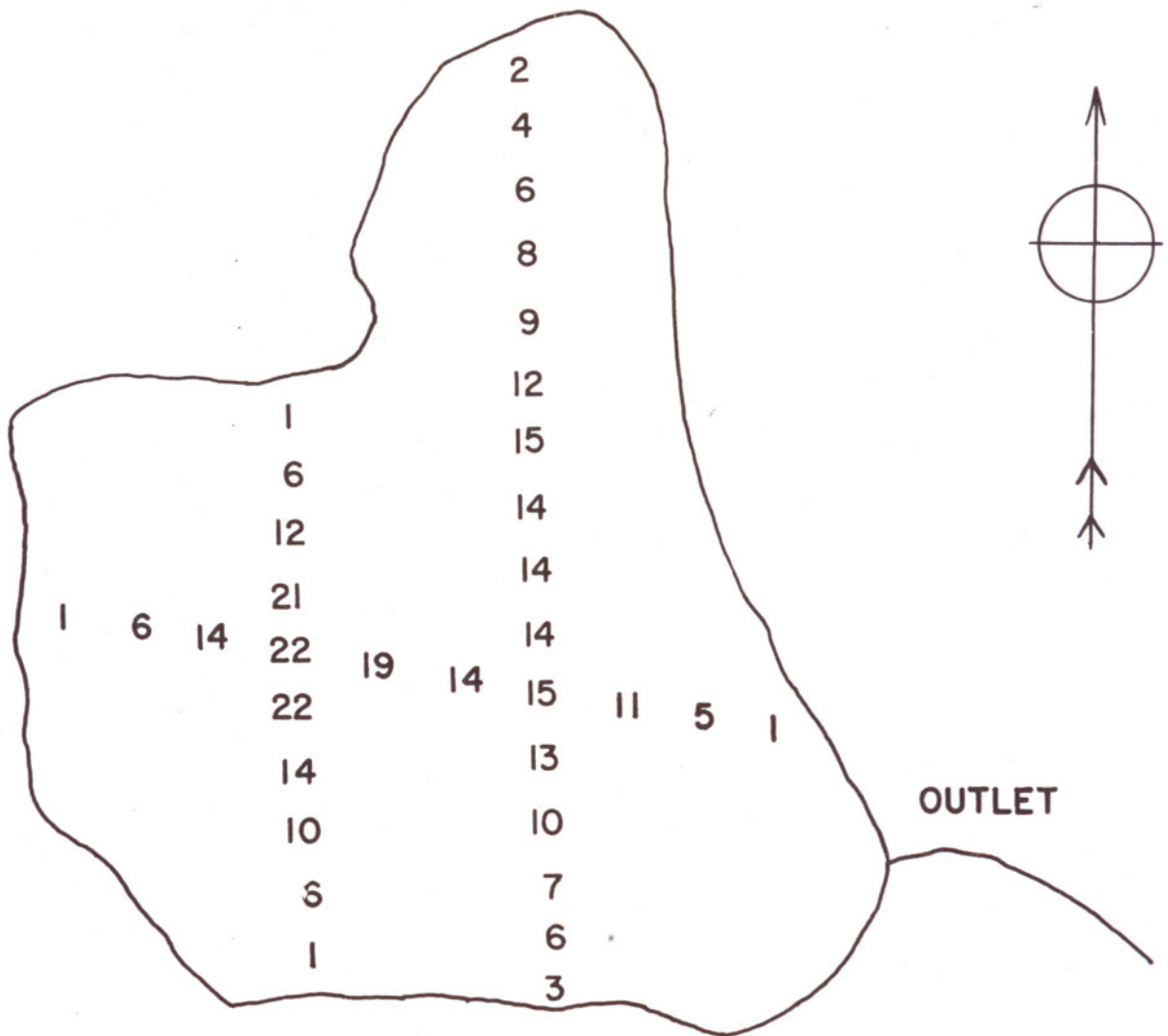
Typical of many other small ponds in this area, there are large boulders, gravelly areas, some weedy areas and the deeper sections are covered with soft mud. Except for an oxygen deficiency below 15 feet, the pond is admirably suited to trout. There is only one other species of fish, a small minnow, to compete for food and the temperature probably remains cool during the hottest portions of every summer. The trout grow to the legal size of 6 inches in their second year and some are 10 inches long in their third year.

Since there are no tributary brooks, the trout must spawn in spring seeps or in the outlet. Some trout undoubtedly travel to and from Rocky Pond a short distance downstream. These two ponds must be protected from over-fishing and from introductions of any other fish species. Baxter State Park general fishing regulations, and the special fly fishing only restriction, should be more than adequate to protect these waters.

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