## ROUND POND T2 R9, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Katahdin, Me.

## Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows Creek chub Finescale dace

## **Physical Characteristics**

Area	-	8	acres	

Temperatures Surface - 64° F. 18 feet - 51° F.

Maximum depth - 19 feet

Round Pond lies only 5 miles south of Mount Katahdin, but its elevation is some 4600 feet below the summit of Maine's highest peak. The pond can be reached by walking along an old logging road which skirts the north side of Abol Pond.

A very small tributary enters near steep, rocky ledges on the northern edge of Round Pond. The outlet seeps through the gravelly soil along the southern shore of the pond. Brook trout can spawn in this gravel or in the small tributary. The high oxygen content of Round Pond's cool water furnishes excellent habitat for trout.

Our survey determined that large populations of chubs and dace inhabit the pond, but that no brook trout were present. We stocked 500 small trout in the fall of 1964 and these fish should grow to legal size during 1965 and be large enough to prey on the smaller minnows.

Baxter State Park regulations prohibit the use of live fish as bait and limit the daily catch to five fish. These laws should protect Round Pond from acquiring additional species and should distribute the trout among many fishermen.

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