ROUND POND

TA R11 WELS, Piscataquis County U.S.G.S. Big Shanty Mountain, ME (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brook trout

Physical Characteristics

Area - 5 acres Temperatures

Surface - 65°F

Maximum depth - 5 feet 5 feet - 64°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

Round Pond is a small shallow trout pond that is part of the headwaters of the East Branch of the Pleasant River. There are several small springy tributaries to Round Pond, but none contains spawning habitat. The outlet is silty and choked with blow-downs and the remains of beaver dams. No young trout were observed in any of the tributaries or the outlet. The bottom of the pond is very silty and no springs were found within the pond itself. The pH of 5.8 is considered low for ponds in this area. The very low alkalinity suggests that sophisticated water quality equipment might reveal that the pH value is actually lower than observed.

Brook trout appear to be abundant in the pond. No other fish species were observed during the survey. Several old rafts were found along the shoreline, probably built by anglers who had to hike a considerable distance to the pond. Access has been improved to Round Pond by recent logging activity. A road comes within 1/4 mile of the pond; a foot-trail then continues to the shore.

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