

UPPER RUSSELL POND

T9 R14 Twp., Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Upper Russell Pond, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brook trout	Minnows (cont'd)
Minnows	Creek chub
Lake chub	White sucker
Redbelly dace	

Physical Characteristics

Area – 270 acres	Temperatures:
	Surface - 73°F
Maximum depth – 16 feet	15 feet - 71°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

The shores of Upper Russell Pond are undeveloped and forested. This remote pond has a very muddy bottom and an average depth of two feet except for two narrow areas near the south shore. These narrow areas of deeper water have maximum depths of eight and sixteen feet with nearly equal water temperatures at all depths.

Cool springs and tributary streams entering the pond provide refuge for trout during the summer months when pond temperatures warm. Excellent spawning habitat for trout exists in the outlet and southern tributary. Gravel areas along the southern shore also provide excellent opportunities for trout reproduction. A limited amount of spawning habitat also exists in the

tributaries along the north shore. From time to time beaver dams along the tributaries block trout migration to and from the spawning and nursery areas. The trout population is maintained entirely through natural reproduction.

Vehicle access is via private gravel roads built and maintained by industrial landowners for forest management purposes. A short hand-carry trail completes access to Upper Russell Pond.

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