SPRUANCE POND

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

Fishes

Brook trout White sucker Minnows
Golden shiner

Physical Characteristics

Area - 15 acres Temperatures
Surface - 68°F
Maximum depth - 4 feet 4 feet - 68°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

Spruance Pond is a shallow trout pond located north of upper Yoke Pond. tributary on the north shore contain cooler water, but there was no well defined channel and the bottom is very silty. No trout were observed here during the survey. The outlet contains some rocks and granite gravel. Young-ofthe-year brook trout were observed where the outlet flows into upper Yoke Pond. There was also evidence of beaver activity on the outlet which could, at times, restrict movement. With a maximum depth of only 4 feet, water quality in the pond would be marginal for brook trout during an unusually hot summer or long winter.

The forest surrounding the pond is mostly softwood, with an area of leather-leaf and blueberry bushes around the shoreline. Aquatic plants were observed

throughout the pond.

Access to Spruance Pond is via gravel road to Yoke Pond through the Jo-Mary gate operated by North Maine Woods. Anglers must then cross upper Yoke Pond and portage several hundred feet to Spruance Pond.

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