

TOM YOUNG POND
East Middlesex Canal Grant, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. N.E. Cary, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)
Yellow perch

Minnows
Golden shiner

Physical Characteristics

Area — 25 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth — 5 feet

Surface — 75°F.
5 feet — 73°F.

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Tom Young Pond is located approximately one mile to the northwest of Spencer Pond. It has only recently become accessible due to timber harvesting operations in the area. Spruce and fir predominate in the forest around the pond. A few tall white pines stand along the shore, and some cedars are found along the outlet.

Tom Young Pond is a very shallow body of water, most of it less than three feet deep, and it is very susceptible to warming throughout from solar radiation. The bottom of the pond is covered with a thick deposit of organic matter. On the northern end of the pond a mat of grasses grows on this material, but it will not support the weight of a person. A canoe paddle can be driven up to five feet deep into this area.

The waters of Tom Young Pond provide marginal habitat for coldwater dwelling species such as the brook trout. Only one trout was taken at the time of survey. The large populations of golden shiners and small yellow perch are much better adapted for survival in this type of environment and severely limit the trout population.

There are no large tributaries to Tom Young Pond. Two small springs were located during the survey, one of which provided some trout spawning area at its mouth. The outlet flows through the remains of an old beaver dam. There is very little flow in it during the summer months. Near the pond it has a very muddy bottom. Some distance below the pond there are sections which provide limited brook trout spawning and nursery areas. There are no impassable barriers on this outlet and yellow perch have gained

access to Tom Young Pond from Spencer Pond.

The pond is not providing a trout fishery of any consequence at present. No special regulations are recommended for this body of water.

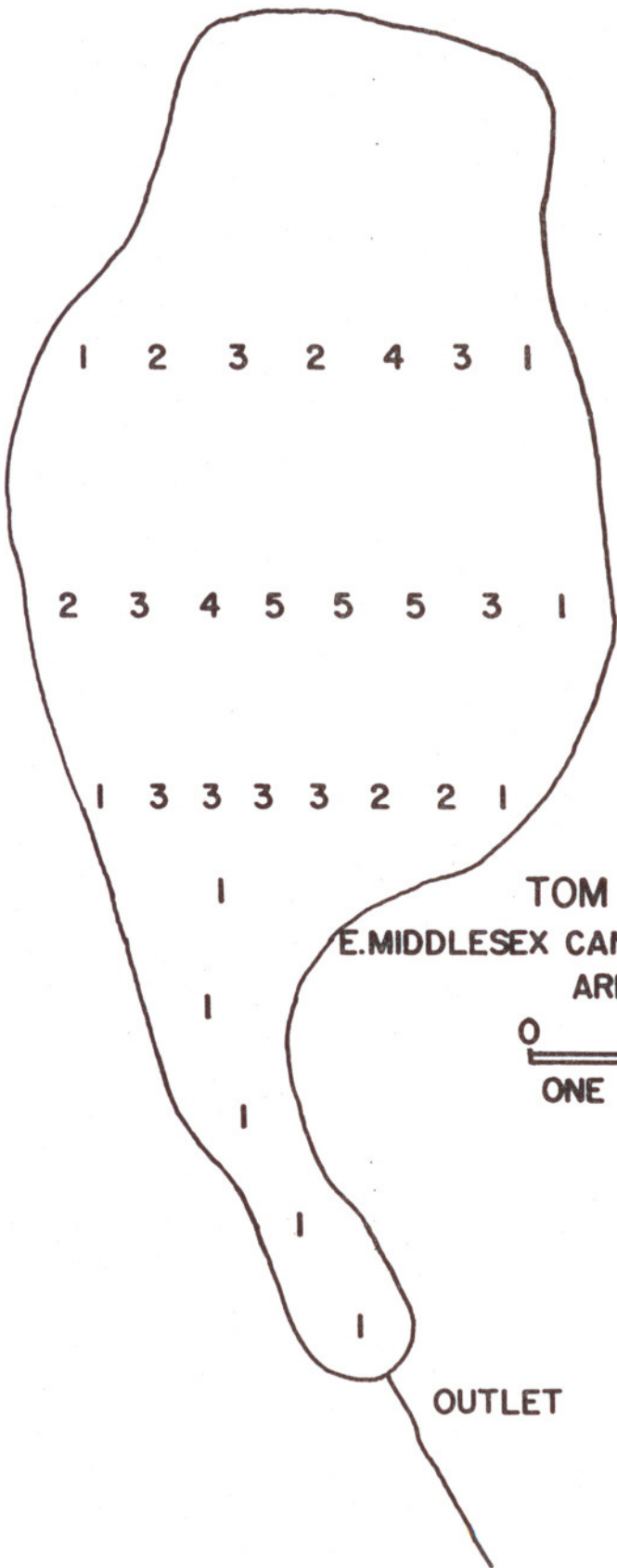
A logging road has created access by vehicle to within sight of Tom Young Pond.

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