

## **UNAMED POND**

Elliotsville Twp, Piscataquis Co., U.S.G.S. Barren Mountain West, Me (7 ½)

**Fishes** 

Minnows Creek chub

Physical Characteristics

Area - 3 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 73°F

Maximum depth - 13 feet 12 feet - 51°F

Principal fishery: None

This unnamed pond is located along an old tote road on the Appalachian Trail in Elliotsville. ATV's can access the pond from either the Elliotsville Rd or from Greenville along the Bob Young Road. It is accessible to 4-wheel drive vehicles only during dry periods.

Most of the pond is surrounded with floating bog. One ledge outcrop is present on the south shore and the tote road passes along the north shore. The surrounding forest type is mixed. There were no obvious inlets during the time of the survey. There is a steep drop of approximately 25 feet immediately on the outlet that is an impasse to fish passage. There is another large drop about ¼ mile downstream on this precipitous outlet. In addition, several large, active beaver dams were present. There is no suitable spawning habitat available for trout.

Water quality is marginal for coldwater fisheries management. Although the pond does stratify, there is insufficient oxygen in and below the thermocline. There was no sign of fishing activity around the pond and no gamefish were collected during the survey.

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