

HANCOCK POND

Embden, Somerset County
U.S.G.S. Embden Pond, Maine (7½') and
U.S.G.S. New Portland, Maine (7½')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon Lake trout (togue) Brook trout Rainbow smelt Smallmouth bass Chain pickerel Minnows White sucker Hornpout (bullhead) Redbreast sunfish Slimy sculpin

Physical Characteristics

Area - 320 acres

Temperatures:
Surface - 73°F

Maximum depth - 106 feet

90 feet - 45°F

Principal fisheries: Landlocked salmon, lake trout, smallmouth bass

Hancock Pond is located north of Black Hill. Two small inlets enter at the north and west sides of the pond. Its outlet, Hancock Stream, flows southeast into nearby Embden Pond. The pond's shoreline is lightly developed.

Water quality in Hancock Pond is good for coldwater gamefish, but these conditions are restricted to a small deep basin at the eastern end of the pond. Lake trout utilize spawning habitat to maintain a wild population and a fishery. Salmon spawning areas are lacking, so a fishery is maintained through periodic stockings. Salmonid growth varies depending on the availability of smelts. Smallmouth bass occupy the rocky shorelines and grow to attractive sizes.

Hancock Pond is accessed from the northwest shore and also by a trail to the southeast end in the winter. The pond is open to fishing in both the summer and winter seasons. See the lawbook for additional regulations.

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