

HILL POND
T4 R5 NBKP, Somerset Co.
U.S.G.S. Penobscot Lake, Me.

Fishes

None

Physical Characteristics

Area - 11 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 77° F.

Maximum depth - 13 feet

12 feet - 50° F.

Principal Fishery: None

Hill Pond with an approximate area of 11 acres is close to the minimum size (10 acres) included in the category of Great Ponds. This beautiful remote pond is situated on top of a 200 foot high hill (elevation 1804) to the west of Penobscot Lake. The forest on the east slope of the hill is mainly mature hardwoods, but the pond is surrounded by mature spruce and fir trees of large size. A large proportion of the immediate shoreline is bog, but the north shore is rocky with the trees close to the water.

Hill Pond has a maximum depth of 13 feet, but most of it is less than 8 feet deep. The bottom materials are mainly organic muck which, unfortunately, causes a severe depletion of oxygen in the cool deep water where trout would have to dwell during hot weather. The water is also quite acid.

Netting, trapping, and visual observations revealed no evidence of fish life. The precipitous nature of the outlet probably prevents fish from entering Hill Pond from Penobscot Lake. It is likely that hatchery trout stocked in the pond would not survive. Wild trout from a pond with similar conditions may possibly tolerate conditions at Hill Pond. However, there is no need to attempt an introduction at this time.

Since the area is not readily accessible and is endowed with many trout waters, Hill Pond should be left barren of fish. Attempts to introduce fish to barren waters should be preceded by thorough studies of the undisturbed habitat with all of its natural associates.

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AREA 11 ACRES

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