

LOST POND
T5 R16, Somerset Co.
U. S. G. S. St. John Pond, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows
Lake chub
Pearl dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 45 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 30 feet

Surface - 69° F.
30 feet - 54° F.

Lost Pond is situated within 300 yards of a good gravel road, and an approved Forest Service camp site is present on the shore. A car cannot be driven to the pond however, and all equipment must be carried in on a trail.

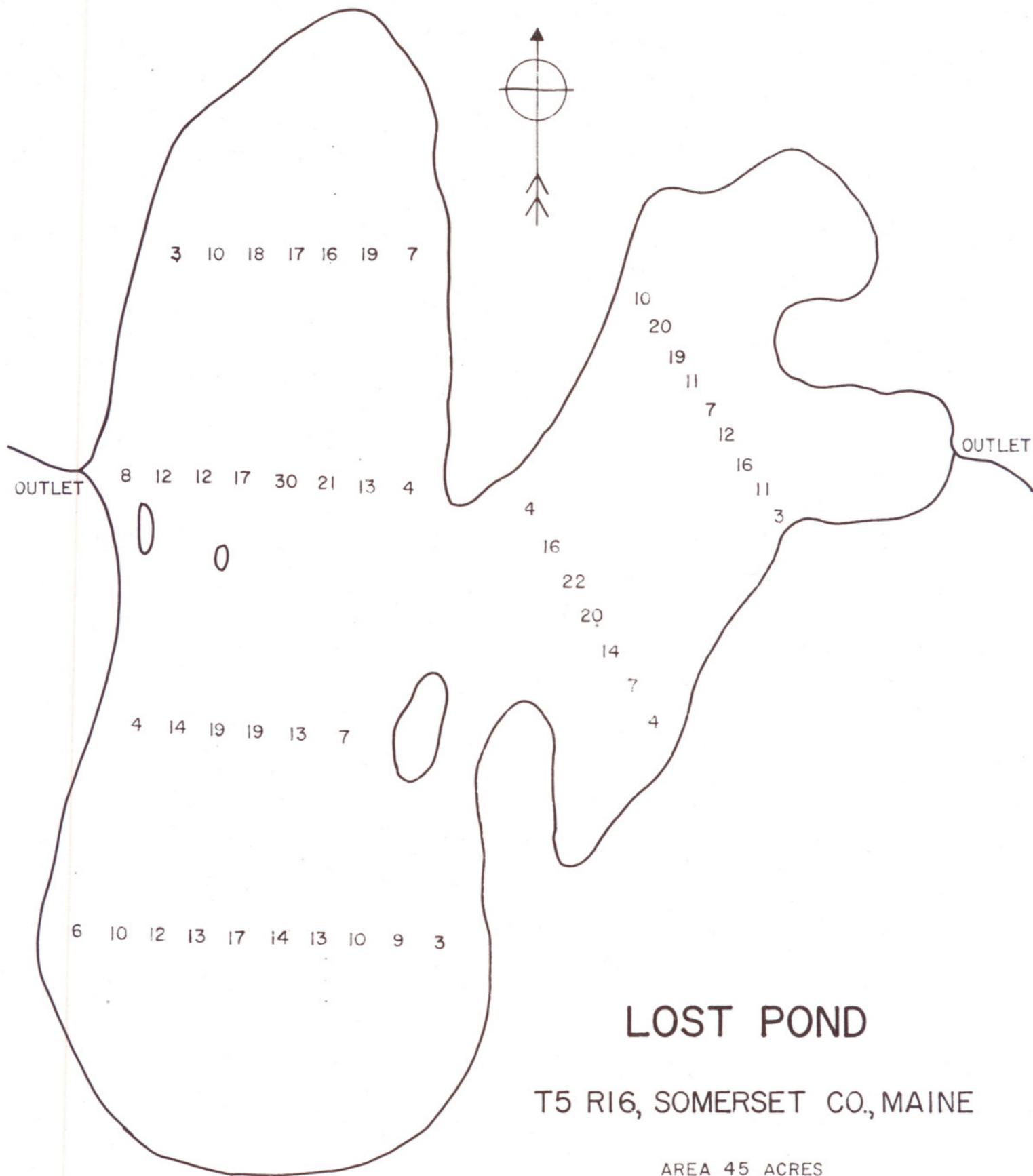
The upper 20-foot layer of water is excellent for brook trout at all times. Below 20 feet, there is an oxygen deficiency during the hottest part of the summer. It is unlikely that any trout would be found in the deep water in late summer.

The only other fish in the pond are two kinds of minnows. The minnows are used by the trout for food, as indicated by the stomach contents of the trout taken during the survey.

The pond has no inlets and the two small outlets probably dry up completely in some years. Any trout reproduction must occur on springy areas within the pond.

The fishing will probably be good as long as the number of fishermen using the pond is low. If the fishing pressure increases much, supplemental stockings of hatchery trout will probably have to be made.

A fly-fishing-only regulation is in effect, and it adequately protects the trout population. The county limit is 10 trout. A "no-live-fish-as-bait" regulation could be substituted if the interested anglers desire.



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AREA 45 ACRES



ONE TENTH MILE