

NORTH OTTER POND

Bowtown Twp., Somerset County U.S.G.S. Pierce Pond, Maine $(7\frac{1}{2})$

Fishes

Brook trout Rainbow smelt Minnows Lake chub Redbelly dace Fathead minnow Blacknose dace Banded killifish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 71 acres

Temperatures: Surface - 66°F 18 feet - 62°F

Maximum depth - 18 feet

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

North Otter Pond is located east of Otter Pond Mountain. A small inlet enters the west shore of the pond and the short outlet flows south into nearby Otter Pond. The pond's shoreline is mostly undeveloped.

Water quality in North Otter Pond is marginal for coldwater gamefish. Water temperatures reach critically high levels in the summer, but oxygen levels remain high. Spawning areas are limited so brook trout are stocked annually to supplement the wild population. Trout growth is good despite a large number of competing minnow species, which provide forage to larger fish.

North Otter pond is accessible via the Bowtown Road north of Pleasant Ridge Plt. The pond is open to fishing with artificial lures only throughout the summer months and closed to fishing in the winter.

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