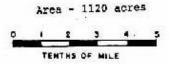


CARATUNK, SPAULDING TWPS., SOMERSET CO., MAINE



PLEASANT POND

Caratunk, Somerset County U.S.G.S. Caratunk (7½') and U.S.G.S. The Forks, Maine (7½')

Fishes

Lake trout (togue)
Brook trout
Rainbow smelt
Minnows
Lake chub

Redbelly dace Fathead minnow Blacknose dace White sucker

Physical Characteristics

Area - 1,120 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 69°F 100 feet - 44°F 160 feet - 43°F

Maximum depth - 198 feet

Principal fisheries: Lake trout, brook trout

Pleasant Pond is located west of Pleasant Pond Mountain. Many small inlets enter the pond's north and south shorelines. Its outlet, Pleasant Pond Stream, exits the west end of the pond and flows west into the Kennebec River. The pond's shoreline is partially developed.

Water quality in Pleasant Pond is excellent for coldwater gamefish. Brook trout and lake trout utilize spawning areas along the shoreline to reproduce. The brook trout population is supplemented with annual stockings to maintain a fishery. Lake trout numbers are high enough to support a fishery without stocking. Salmonid growth is good with only light competition from other fish species.

Pleasant Pond is accessible via a private boat launch on the west shore. It is reached by a paved road off Route 201. A fee is charged to use this site. The pond is open to fishing with the use of live fish as bait being prohibited in the summer months and is closed to ice fishing. See the lawbook for additional regulations.

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