## SUGAR BERTH POND Dennistown, Somerset Co. U. S. G. S. Attean, Me.

## Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) White sucker Minnows Creek chub Finescale dace

## **Physical Characteristics**

Area - 23 acres

Temperatures Surface - 66° F. 16 feet - 64° F.

Maximum depth - 17 feet

Sugar Berth Pond is a small, shallow pond with a rocky shoreline and silty bottom. The pond is surrounded by spruce, fir, and mixed hardwood, with a small cedar swamp on the northwest end. The only access to Sugar Berth Pond is by a 1/4 mile trail from Little Big Wood Pond.

There are no major inlets, but two cold springs enter the pond at the northwestern end. One spring had many small trout in it. The outlet has a limited amount of spawning gravel just below the pond, but it is obstructed at low water levels by large logs and debris.

The water quality is excellent for brook trout, with cool temperatures and sufficient oxygen throughout.

The regulation prohibiting the use or possession of live fish as bait should be adopted to prevent the establishment of additional species.

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