TEN THOUSAND ACRE POND T1 R6, Somerset Co. U.S.G.S. Brassua Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows Lake chub Finescale dace Redbelly dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 37 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 59° F.

Maximum depth - 9 feet

8 feet -58° F.

Ten Thousand Acre Pond lies above Little Chase Stream Pond in a shallow valley which forms the headwaters of the North Branch of Chase Stream. Fishermen usually drive to Little Chase Stream Pond and walk up the valley for about 2 miles to this small, remote trout pond.

The inlet emerges from underground and flows about 300 yards through a deadwater, formed by several beaver dams, before reaching the pond. Nearly the same situation is present on the outlet, except this more extensive deadwater floods nearly a mile of the valley before the stream continues underground to Little Chase Stream Pond. Bog plants encircle both the pond and the deadwaters.

Even though the pond is shallow, the water temperature remains cool because small springs flow into the pond at several points. The oxygen content is high throughout the pond.

Ten Thousand Acre Pond has an excellent population of deep, slab-sided, native brook trout. The limited spawning facilities in the inlet, pond, and outlet are presently producing enough young trout to furnish fast fishing for the few anglers who fish the pond. As fishing pressure increases it may become necessary to reduce the bag limit on the pond.

A "no-live-fish-as-bait" law is recommended to keep out additional undesirable species. The absence of suckers and large numbers of minnows is very important to the brook trout fishery.

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