BASKAHEGAN LAKE Brookton and Topsfield, Washington Co. U.S.G.S. Brookton, ME (7½')

Fishes

Brook trout

Blacknose dace

Smallmouth bass

Creek chub

White perch

Fallfish

Yellow perch

White sucker

Chain pickerel

Bullhead (hornpout)

Minnows

Pumpkinseed sunfish

Common shiner

American eel

Physical characteristics

Area - 6,944 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 74°F.

Maximum depth – 22 feet

21 feet - 65°F.

Principal fisheries: Smallmouth bass

White perch Chain pickerel

Baskahegan Lake is a very picturesque lake with a highly productive warmwater fishery. The most notable feature of this lake is the shape of the shoreline. The lake has a larger southwest basin with a highly irregular shoreline and several islands. The smaller northeast basin is separated from the larger basin by a long point of land extending from the eastern side. This basin area is mostly shallow and has several islands and partially submerged reefs and shoals. There are three parallel points of land extending from the northwest side into the lake and are known locally as "dung fork points". The shoreline area around the lake is mostly gravel and rock with some areas of ledge, sand, and wetland.

Water quality is very good for the production of warmwater fish species. There is a large bass population in the lake but growth rates are not good due to the large size of the population and insufficient forage. Attempts are being made to establish a smelt population to provide forage for bass and perch and to provide a recreational smelt fishery. Attempts to establish in other lakes similar to Baskahegan have been successful. There is a very good white perch population in this lake and there is currently a 25 fish bag limit on white perch.

There are several tributaries to the lake with Baskahegan Stream being the largest. Although the stream supports a good seasonal trout fishery, brook trout are seldom caught in the lake. Almost all of the tributaries provide suitable smelt spawning habitat. A dam was built on the outlet, also called Baskahegan Stream, many years ago. The dam has deteriorated, but the concrete wing walls, bed logs and spillway sections, are still visible. The inlet is the end of a popular spring canoe trip during the spring trout fishing season and the outlet is the start of a summer season recreational canoe trip to Crooked Brook Flowage in Danforth.

There is a boat access site in Brookton about one mile from U.S. Rt.#1. The site contains two fairly steep and rough gravel ramps that can be difficult to use.

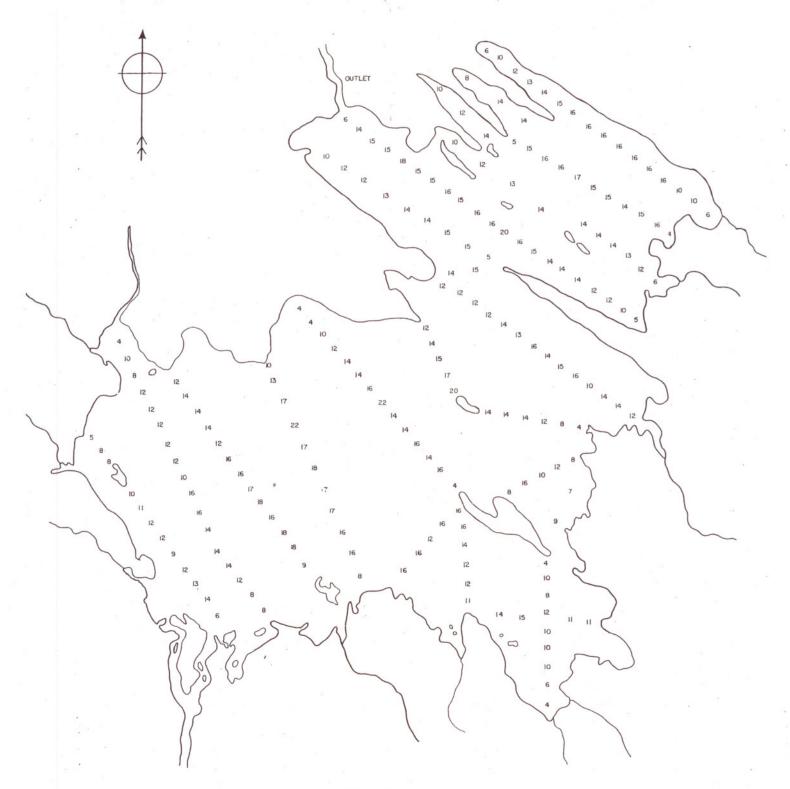
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