

## MARKS LAKE

Marshfield Twp., Washington Co.  
U.S.G.S. Bog Lake, Maine (7½')

### Fishes

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Brook trout     | White sucker        |
| Smallmouth bass | Hornpout (bullhead) |
| Yellow perch    | Pumpkinseed sunfish |
| Minnnows        | American eel        |
| Common shiner   |                     |

### Physical Characteristics

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| Area - 240 acres        | Temperatures    |
|                         | Surface - 70 °F |
| Maximum depth - 27 feet | 25 feet - 51 °F |

Principal fishery: Smallmouth bass

This small lake is located a short distance north of Machias. A few homes/camps dot the mostly wooded, boulder-strewn shoreline. A poor public boat launching site is available next to the dam at the outlet.

This water provides a distinctive fishery for smallmouths which are considerably larger than average in size. From 55-70% of angled bass fall within the 16-18in size bracket. Fishing is slow because a scarcity of suitable spawning habitat limits the amount of natural reproduction. Nonetheless, for the inveterate bass angler who enjoys a chance to catch several 2- 2 ¼ lb smallmouhs in a day, this lake is a good bet. Some of the best action occurs in early June during the spawning season. Both fly fishermen and spin-casters may enjoy an

especially productive day during this season. Most bass are in excellent condition as a result of preying extensively on abundant juvenile yellow perch. Neither pickerel or white perch are present to compete with the bass for this forage.

A few brook trout are caught periodically as one of the tributaries, Crocker Brook, supports a modest trout population. Years ago, the lake produced occasional 15-16in trout, but such fish have disappeared, probably due to the abundant yellow perch.

Surveyed - August, 1966

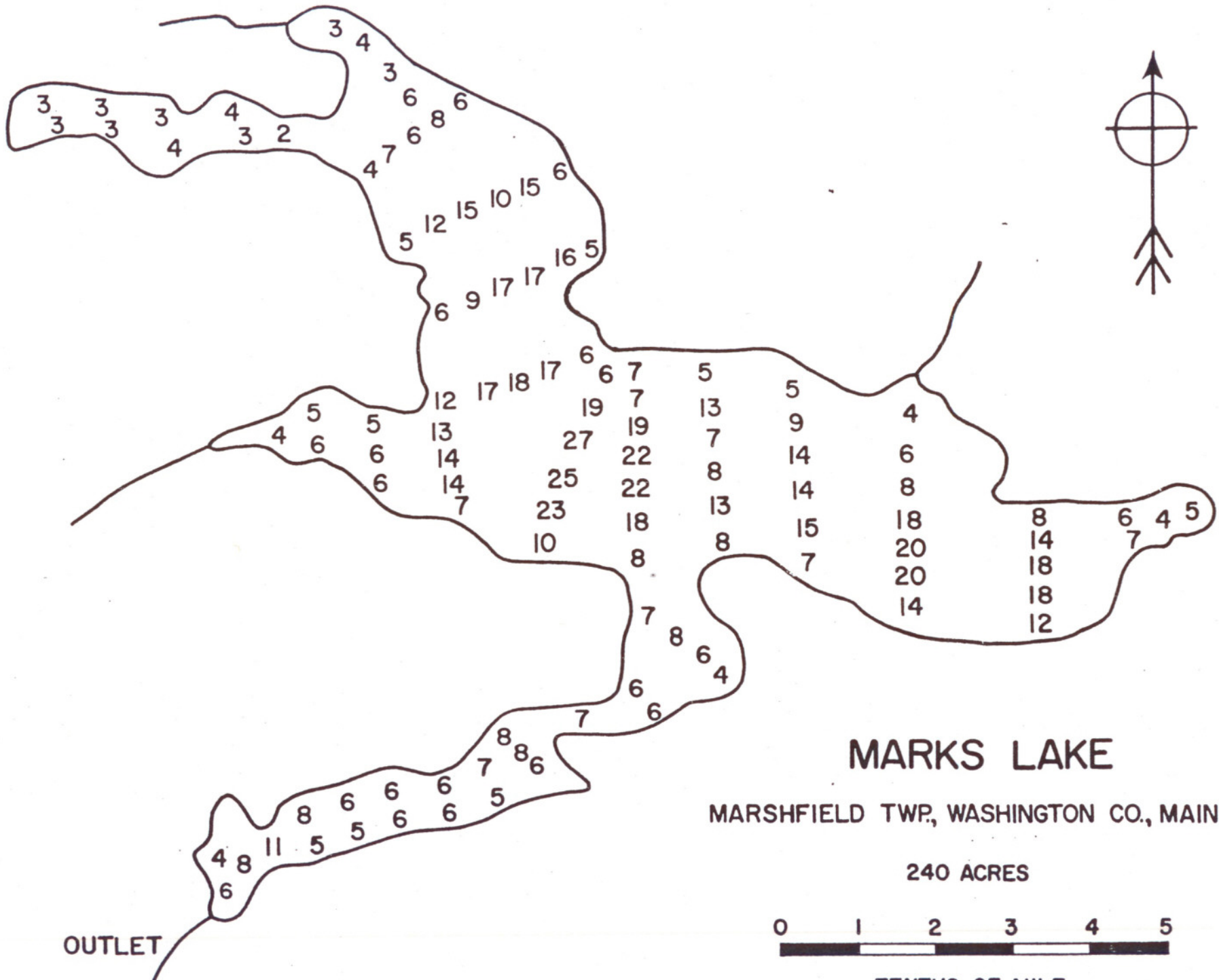
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OUTLET