

MONROE LAKE

T43MD, Washington Co. U.S.G.S. Monroe Lake, ME (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brook trout

Physical Characteristics

Area - 45 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 76°F 28 feet - 47°F

Maximum depth - 31 feet

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Monroe Lake is located in a remote area of northern Washington County. Access is gained over a road off the Stud Mill Road. This road is rough in spots, and a 4-wheel drive vehicle is recommended in the spring. Canoes/small boats can be launched at a rough landing.

This small lake provides excellent brook trout habitat. To remove competing species that had caused a decline in fishing quality, the pond was reclaimed with rotenone in October 1999. Follow-up work in the summer of 2000 confirmed that the reclamation was successful in achieving a complete kill. We had restocked the lake with 150 trout in the spring, and a check netting effort on Nov. 1 captured 12 trout that averaged 12.7" long. These fish were in great shape, and had obviously found lots of bugs, insects, nymphs, leeches, etc. to feed on. As anticipated, angler reports from the 2001 season indicated periods of excellent fishing for 10-11" trout along with a number of holdover 14-15" fish. To help maintain this excellent fishery, the use or possession of live fish as bait is prohibited. This is a very important special regulation that anglers should heed to help keep the lake free of other fish.

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