

PARSONFIELD TWP, YORK CO., MAINE

AREA 275 ACRES

LONG POND

Parsonsfield Twp., York Co. U.S.G.S. Cornish, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brown trout
Brook trout
Rainbow smelt
Smallmouth bass
Largemouth bass
Chain pickerel

Minnows
Golden shiner
Fallfish
White sucker
Hornpout (bullhead)
Banded killifish
Pumpkinseed sunfish
American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 275 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 76°F

Maximum depth - 33 feet 33 feet - 59°F

Principal fisheries: Brown trout, rainbow smelt, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass

Long Pond is moderately shallow with steeply sloped shorelines. In most places, water depth drops quickly to twenty feet or more in a relatively short distance. This water is managed for both coldwater and warmwater fisheries.

This lake thermally stratifies each summer, and a band of cool, oxygenated water exists for salmonids. In the past, landlocked salmon were stocked and a few reasonably nice fish were taken. However, the returns of legal salmon were typically poor, and greater success is now being realized with brown trout. Angler interviews and fishery data have demonstrated better survival and growth for the brown trout. In addition, brook trout are stocked to provide a popular seasonal fishery. Brown trout and brook trout must be stocked annually to maintain these fisheries, because this water lacks suitable spawning habitat for salmonids.

The steep shorelines limit the numbers of bass by reducing the amount of suitable habitat for juvenile bass. However, some quality size bass of both species are present.

A public boat access is located at the southeastern end of the pond. However, wave action from the pond continually deteriorates the quality of this access for trailered boats.

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