## SQUARE POND

Shapleigh and Acton Twps., York Co. U.S.G.S. Great East Lake & Mousam, Me. (7.5')

## Fishes

Brown trout Smallmouth bass Largemouth bass White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner Common shiner White sucker Hornpout (bullhead) Pumpkinseed sunfish American eel Landlocked alewife

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 910 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 75°F
Maximum depth - 44 feet	38 feet - 54°F

Principal fisheries: Brown trout, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel

Square Pond, which is located in western York County, has long been noted as one of Maine's premier brown trout lakes. This water also supports a variety of warmwater fisheries.

The extensive rocky, gravelly shoreline serves as excellent spawning and nursery habitat for smallmouth bass. Also, abundant populations of white perch, yellow perch, sunfish, and other minnows provide forage for both brown trout and bass.

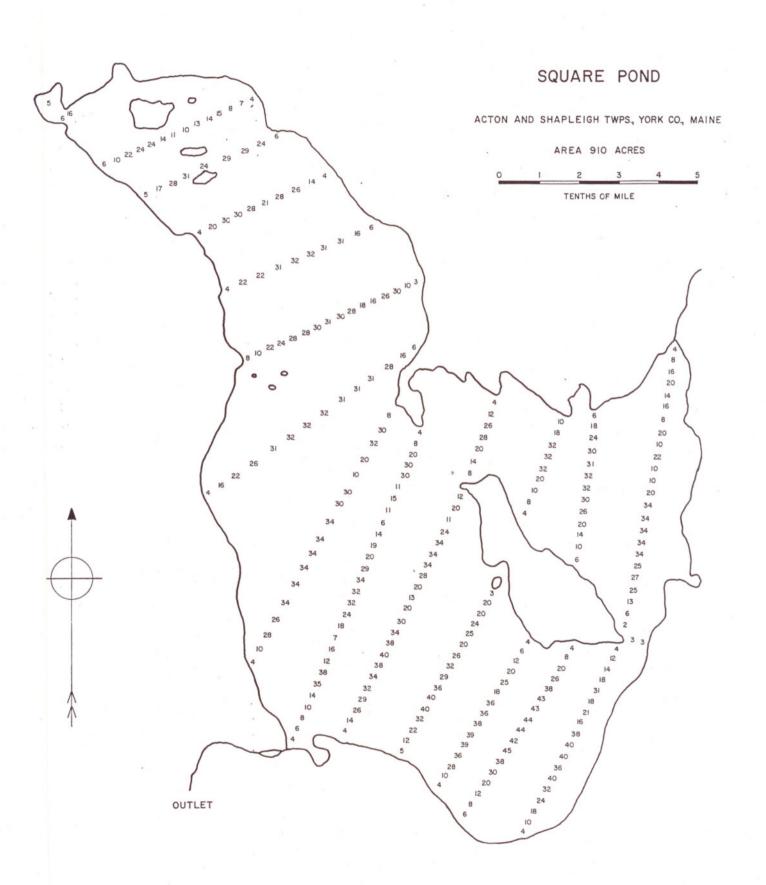
Landlocked alewives were introduced by the Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW)in

1983 to provide the principal forage for brown trout. The introduction was successful! brown trout and other warmwater gamefish have utilized the alewives and exhibited excellent growth. In 1996, the state record brown trout (23 pounds 8 ounces) was caught by an ice fisherman, and numerous brown trout ranging from 5 to 12 pounds have also been reported. In 1992, MDIFW was forced to discontinue stocking due to a lack of suitable public access to the pond. As a result, recent reports of larger brown trout have declined. Since that time this department has aggressively worked toward purchasing and developing public access to the pond. Hopefully, all efforts will be rewarded and brown trout will be stocked in Square Pond once again.

Currently, access is restricted to private trespass or carry-in across state property adjacent to Stiles Brook on West Shore Drive.

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