SYMES POND Newfield Twp., York Co. U. S. G. S. Newfield, Me.

Fishes

Yellow perch Chain pickerel Hornpout (bullhead) White sucker Minnows Golden shiner Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 36 acres

Maximum depth - 30 feet

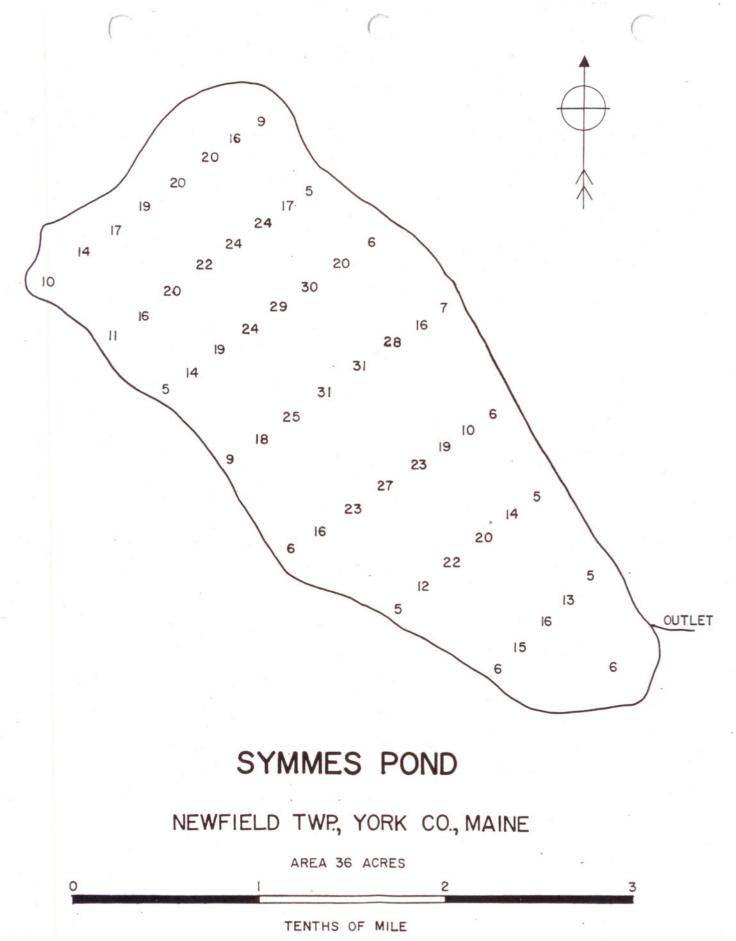
Temperatures Surface - 79° F. 30 feet - 49° F.

Symes Pond has a large population of pickerel which is providing a satisfactory warmwater fishery.

A heavy concentration of beaver in Symes Pond and on the outlet stream is probably responsible for the existing water conditions. Waters are becoming darker and dissolved oxygen content is getting lower as beaver colonies increase. "Old timers" in this area remember when the water in Symes Pond was crystal clear. Today the water is the color of weak tea, and it is getting progressively darker. Increased decomposition of vegetation as pond waters back up behind beaver dams is responsible for a low dissolved oxygen content in the cold water.

The severe oxygen deficiency in the cold water below 10 feet prevents the survival of trout in Symes Pond.

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