

WORTHLEY POND

Poland Twp., Androscoggin Co.

U.S.G.S. Minot, Me. (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brown trout	Chain Pickerel
Brook trout	Minnows
Largemouth bass	Golden shiner
Yellow perch	White sucker
	Hornpout (bullhead)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 42 acres	Temperatures:
	Surface - 81°F
Maximum depth - 46 feet	45 feet - 40°F

Principal fisheries: Brown trout, brook trout, largemouth bass

Worthley Pond was chemically reclaimed in 1969 to create a brook trout fishery, but success was short lived. Several warmwater fish species soon regained entry and quickly became numerous. This excess competition for food and space resulted in poor growth and survival of brook trout.

A suitable volume of cool, oxygenated water was still available for salmonid management, so a brown trout stocking program was initiated in the spring of 1977. The following year adult smelt were stocked by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to provide some additional forage. Later fish samplings indicated that the smelt introduction was unsuccessful, and the brown trout program was changed to larger fall yearling fish. These larger brown trout are better able to compete and survive predation, and are now

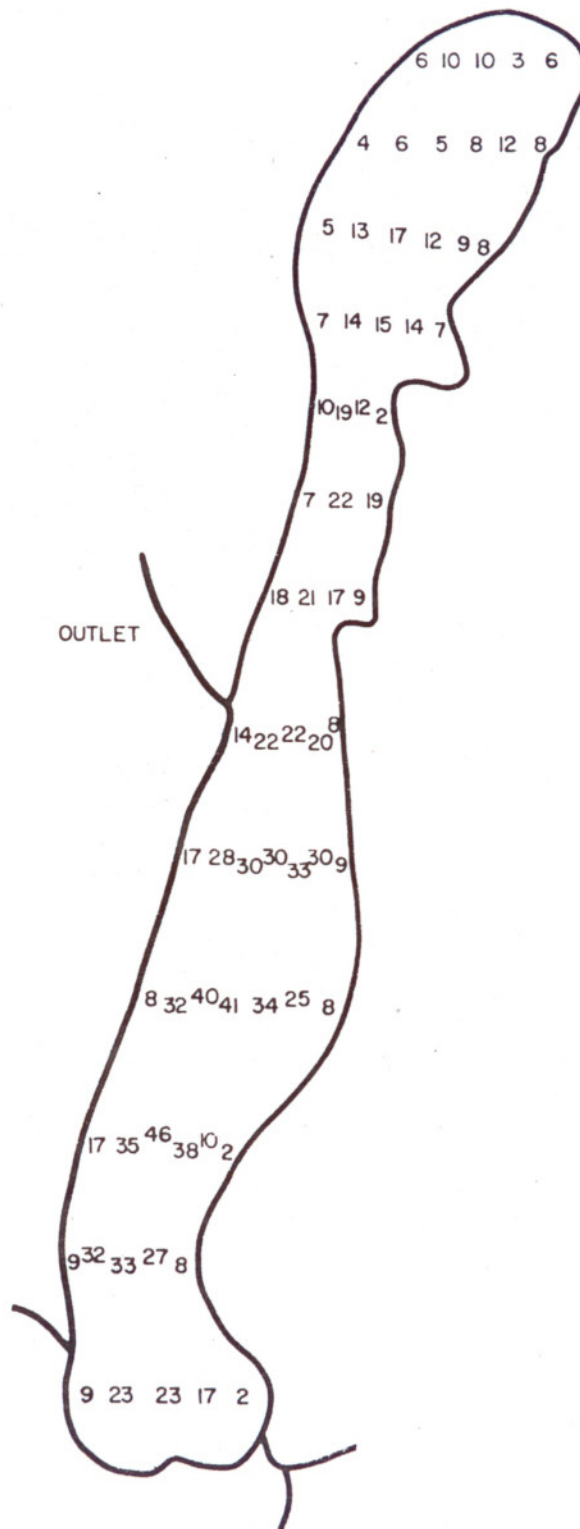
providing a good fishery. Legal-size spring yearling, and fall yearling brook trout are also stocked to provide a popular short term fishery. Brook trout and brown trout must be stocked annually to maintain these fisheries, because this pond lacks suitable spawning areas.

In 1990, eighteen adult largemouth bass were introduced by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a population that would forage on the minnows and perch. The introduction was successful, and a good bass fishery has been established.

Most anglers access Worthley Pond via the dirt access off Route 122, east of the outlet culvert.

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