

BRAN LAKE
St. Francis, Aroostook County
U.S.G.S. St. John, Maine (7 1/2')

FISHES

Brook trout

Physical Characteristics

Area - 34 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 66°F
Maximum depth - 7 feet	5 feet - 66°F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Bran Lake, although shallow with about equal water temperatures top to bottom, is considered a good trout pond.

Fish collections made during the survey indicated a good trout population in Bran Lake. A beaver dam at the immediate outlet, present for several years, has raised the water level of the lake and created a complete barrier to fish migration. Brook trout have apparently reproduced successfully in spring seepage areas within the lake since there are no tributaries that could be utilized by trout for spawning. In this case, the beaver dam has probably been beneficial by raising the water level of a shallow pond and providing more living space for trout.

No minnows or coarse fish, such as suckers, were found to be present. This is another factor favoring the trout. Coarse fish, if present, would limit trout production by competing with trout

for the same food and space.

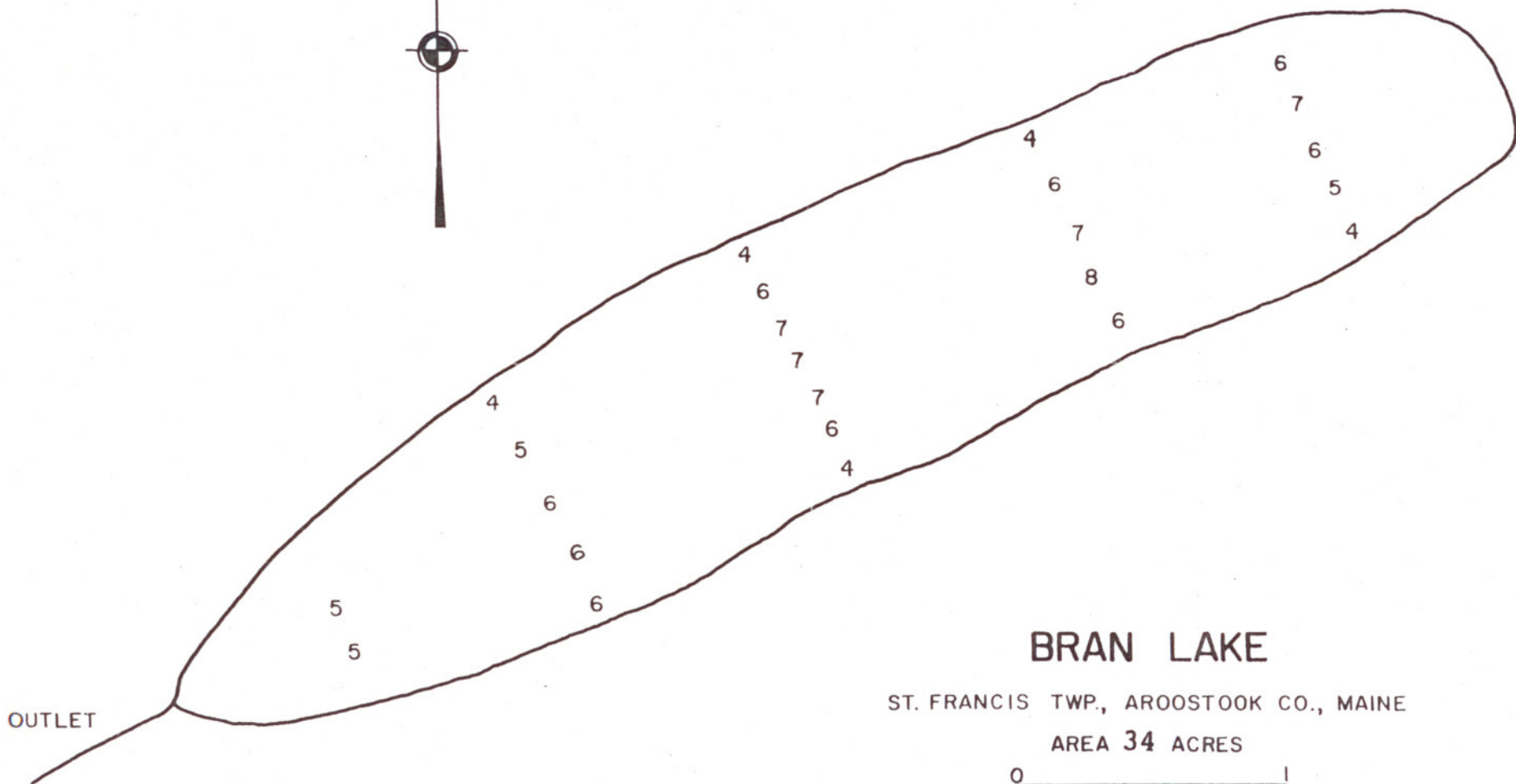
Access to Bran Lake is via a private gravel logging road. A footpath a couple hundred yards long completes access to the lake.

Surveyed - August, 1960

(Revised - 1994)

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife


Funded in part by Federal Aid in Fish Restoration Act under Federal Project F-28-P L1548G



BRAN LAKE

ST. FRANCIS TWP., AROOSTOOK CO., MAINE

AREA 34 ACRES

0  1
TENTH of MILE