LILY POND

New Gloucester Twp., Cumberland Co., Me. U.S.G.S. Gray, Me., (7.5')

Fishes

Brook trout Largemouth bass Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner White sucker Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 38 acres

Temperatures
Surface - 77° F
23 feet - 48° F

Maximum depth - 23 feet

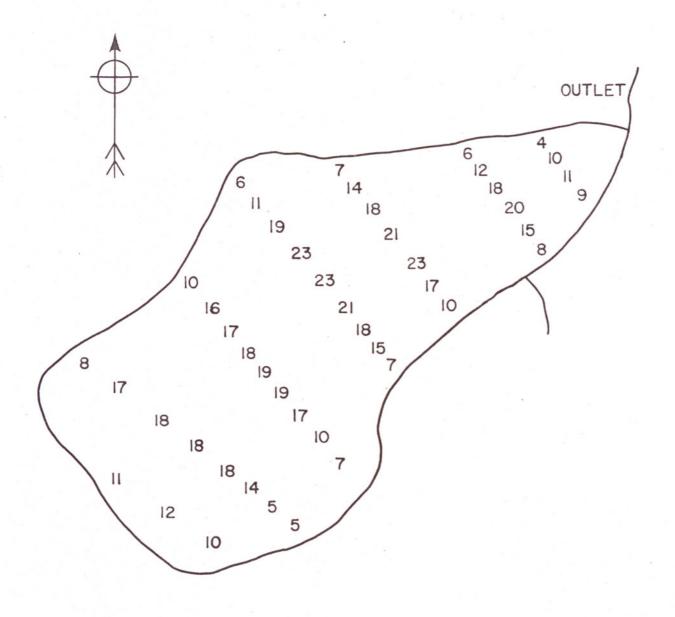
Principal fisheries: Brook trout, largemouth bass, and chain pickerel

Lily Pond, located west of the turnpike in New Gloucester, provides a great trout fishing opportunity in this part of the state. The pond's picturesque setting and easy access make it a popular destination for area anglers.

The Maine Department of Fisheries and Wildlife stocks brook trout annually, because there is a lack of suitable spawning and nursery area. An oxygen deficiency develops below 10 feet during the summer months and limits the available trout habitat; however, there is enough cool, well-oxygenated water to support a healthy trout population. Trout growth is excellent at Lily, and occasionally brookies in excess of two pounds are caught.

Largemouth bass, which were illegally introduced in the 1960's, are also providing a good fishery. Most of the largemouths are less than 14 inches, but fish up to four pounds have been taken. The Chandler family owns the property around Lily Pond and is kind enough to allow public access to the pond. A carry-in site, located off the Snow Hill Road, is available for launching canoes or row boats. Motorboats are prohibited.

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