

## LITTLE DUCK POND Windham Twp., Cumberland Co. U.S.G.S. Cumberland Center, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Largemouth bass Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner Hornpout (bullhead) Pumpkinseed sunfish American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 43 acres

Temperature: 14 feet - 72°F

Principal fisheries: Largemouth bass, chain pickerel, hornpout

Little Duck Pond is a shallow body of water with crystal clear water. This small pond is located in one of the most heavily populated areas of the state and yet its lightly developed shoreline gives it the appearance of a remote trout pond.

The pond is homothermous and lacks suitable water quality for coldwater fisheries. Little Duck Pond provided only limited fishing opportunities for perch, pickerel, and hornpout until the mid 1980's. In 1982, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife introduced largemouth bass and the population is now self-sustaining. They provide a good fishery and bass up to eight pounds have been reported. However, the number of large bass is quite limited due to the small size of the pond.

There is no public access to Little Duck Pond, but access is by permissive trespass over private property. Public access is a regional priority, and MDIFW will continue to explore public access opportunities for this water.

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