

RANGELEY LAKE

Rangeley and Rangeley Plt., Franklin County
U.S.G.S. Oquossoc, Maine (7½') and
U.S.G.S. Rangeley, Maine (7½')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon	Finescale dace
Brook trout	Blacknose dace
Rainbow smelt	Creek chub
Yellow perch	Fallfish (chub)
Minnnows	Longnose sucker
Lake chub	White sucker
Golden shiner	Hornpout (bullhead)
Common shiner	Banded killifish
Blacknose shiner	Slimy sculpin
Redbelly dace	American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 6,000 acres

Maximum depth - 149 feet

Temperatures:

Surface - 73°F

149 feet - 46°F

Principal fisheries: Landlocked salmon, brook trout

Rangeley Lake is one of the major headwater lakes of the Androscoggin River drainage. It has many inlets entering from all around the lake. Its outlet, the Rangeley River, flows northwest into nearby Mooselookmeguntic Lake. The shoreline is mostly developed.

The water quality of Rangeley Lake is well suited for coldwater fisheries management. The deep, cool, well-oxygenated water provides good habitat for salmon and brook trout. Salmonid growth rates are good despite the presence of many competitor fish species.

Rangeley Lake tributaries are good spawning and nursery areas for salmon, but their small size limits the numbers produced. Brook trout use these tributaries to produce small numbers of wild fish. Annual stockings of both species are necessary to maintain sufficient numbers to support this popular fishery.

There are three public boat launches on Rangeley Lake. They are located at the Rangeley town park, at Rangeley Lake State Park on the south shore, and at the outlet in Oquossoc. The lake is open to fishing with live bait being prohibited in the open water season and closed to fishing in the winter. See the lawbook for addition regulations.

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