

HEART POND

Orland Twp., Hancock Co. U.S.G.S. Orland, ME (7 1/2')

Fishes

Lake trout (togue)
Splake
Rainbow smelt
Yellow perch
Minnows
Common shiner
Blacknose dace

White sucker
Banded killifish
Redbreast sunfish
Pumpkinseed sunfish
American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 73 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 75°F

Maximum depth - 69 feet 69 feet 69 feet - 42°F

Principal fisheries: Splake, lake trout

Heart Pond is a small water adjacent to Route 1 in Orland. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife owns and maintains an access site where small boats/canoes can be launched.

This water provides excellent habitat for coldwater sportfish. Despite its small size, it supports a modest population of wild togue. Some are probably born here, while others move up into the pond from the much larger Toddy Pond, located a short distance downstream. In most years, this pond yields a few 5-7 pound fish for the persistent angler.

In an effort to provide a more active fishery, splake were experimentally introduced in 1999. Preliminary information suggests that these fish are growing and surviving at an acceptable rate. It's anticipated that this species will provide an attractive fishery for 16-19 in fish. Very few anglers have fished the pond since a special regulation requiring artificial lures was enacted. This regulation is designed to reduce hooking mortality of smaller fish, thereby enhancing the holdover to larger sizes. The pond is open to ice fishing for those anglers who wish to try their luck jigging a lure. Consult the lawbook for additional regulations.

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