## LOWER AND MIDDLE LEAD MOUNTAIN PONDS

T28MD, Hancock Co. U.S.G.S. Rocky Pond, ME( 7 1/2')

## Fishes

Brown trout	Minnows	
Brook trout	Golden shiner	
Rainbow smelt	White sucker	
White perch	Hornpout(bullhead)	
Yellow perch	Pumpkinseed sunfish	
Chain pickerel	American eel	

## Physical Characteristics

Area- 48	86 acre	s	Temperatures			
				Sur	face-	71°F
Maximum	depth-	31	feet	30	feet-	54°F

Principal Fishery: White perch, chain pickerel, brown trout

These inter-connected waters lie a short distance downstream from Upper Lead Mountain Pond. Access to the southwestern end is over a good quality dirt/gravel road which heads north off Route 9, the ``Airline''. An adequate public boat launching area is present. The shoreline is lightly developed with camps.

The pond provides suitable habitat for brown trout which were experimentally introduced in 1999. Angler reports and a summer, 2001 check-netting indicate that these fish are performing reasonably well thus far. Our netting effort captured 4 age III+(from the initial stocking) fish which ranged in length from 16.7-19.0 inches. These trout exhibited very good growth, and were in good shape. Brown trout have provided a satisfactory fishery in Upper Lead Mountain Pond, and they will probably do the same here.

The primary fishery is for white perch, many of which attain attractive sizes. On a good day, a typical catch of perch will include a good proportion of 10-12 inch fish. Further, this pond is one of the few which still produces some exceptionally large 14-15 inch perch. Pickerel provide an active fishery.

An unusual feature of this pond is that it has two outlets, Starvation Brook which flows into the East Branch of the Union River and Sevenmile Brook, which is a tributary to the Middle Branch. The lower end of Sevenmile Brook supports brook trout.

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