

## LONG POND

Mount Desert and Southwest Harbor Twps.,  
Hancock Co.  
U.S.G.S. Southwest Harbor, Maine (7½')

### Fishes

Landlocked salmon	Redbelly dace
Brook trout	White sucker
Rainbow smelt	Banded killifish
Smallmouth bass	Threespine stickleback
Chain pickerel	American eel
Minnnows	Alewife
Golden shiner	

### Physical Characteristics

Area - 897 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 72 °F
Maximum depth - 113 feet	95 feet - 50 °F

Principal fishery: Salmon, smallmouth bass

Long Pond is a scenic water located on Mount Desert Island. Its southern end is surrounded by steep-sided mountains. Although you can launch a boat at either end of the lake, most anglers select the northern landing (Pond's End).

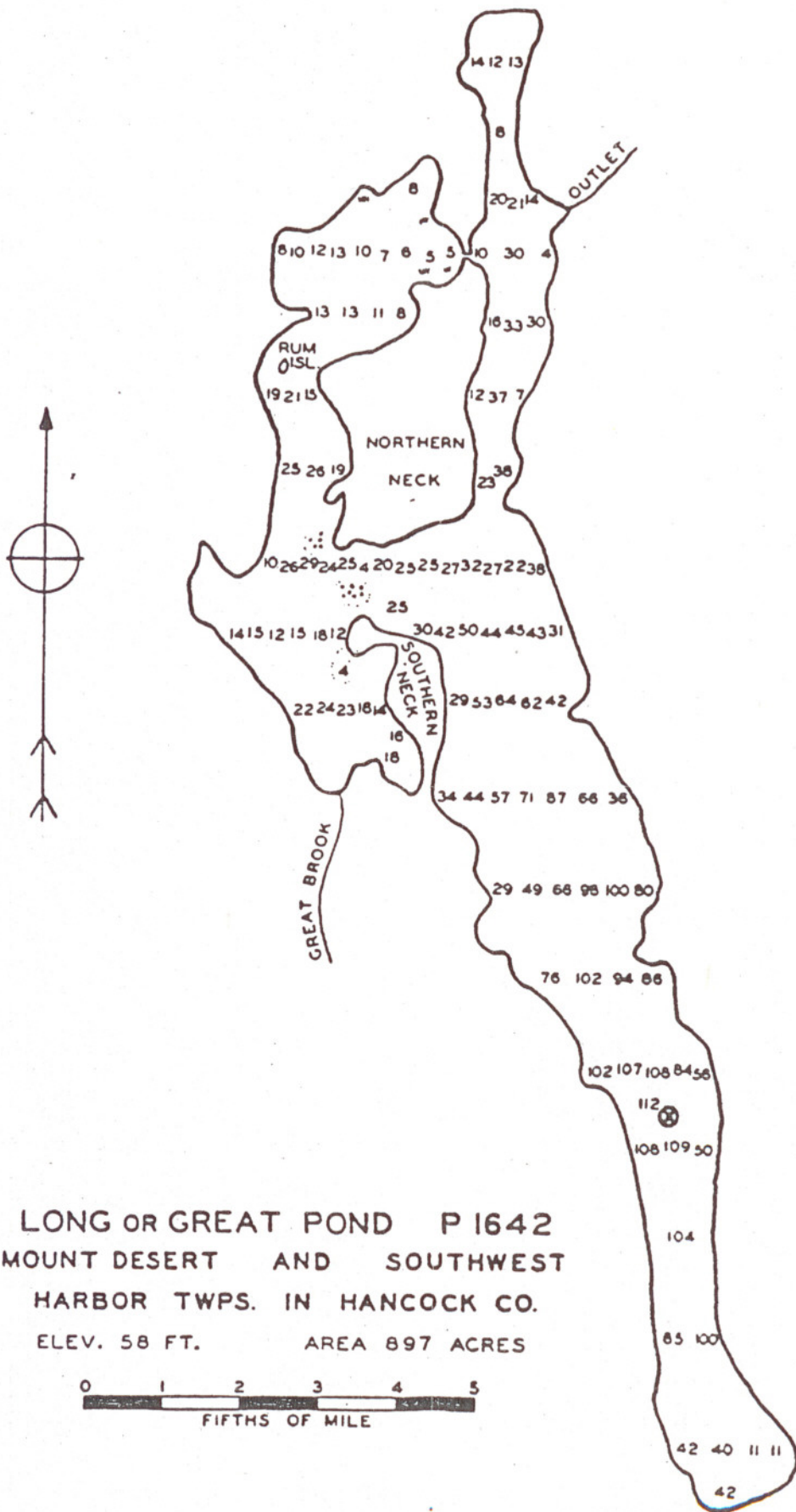
This pond provides ideal habitat for salmon as it contains a good volume of cold, well oxygenated water. Salmon generally provide a satisfactory fishery as both winter catch rates and size of angled salmon consistently equal or exceed the statewide averages. In those years when smelt are reasonably abundant, the pond grows decent numbers of nicely shaped 2- 2 1/2 lb fish, along with some 3 pounders. However, for the past 3 years or so, salmon

growth has remained below average, even though the stocking rate has been reduced and smelt eggs have been transferred into the pond. There are some indications that growth is improving, although the hoped-for big improvement has yet to materialize. The pond has had a special one fish limit on salmon for many years. In addition to smelt, salmon actively feed on young of the year alewives in those years when these fish are plentiful. Salmon spawn in the outlet, and small numbers of wild juvenile salmon move up into the lake after a year or two to contribute to the fishery.

Smallmouth bass provide a decent fishery, although most angled fish are small, ranging in length from 9-11 in. Some 2-3 lb fish are caught each year which maintains the interest of some bass anglers.

In certain winters, an active hook and line fishery for 6-8 in smelts develops. However, this fishery tends to be unpredictable from one year to the next.

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