

THE TARN

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

Fishes

Brook trout Hornpout (bullhead) Minnows Banded killifish Golden shiner Ninespine

stickleback

Common shiner Pumpkinseed sunfish

Creek chub American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 8 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 70°F

Maximum depth - 3 feet

40 feet - 70°F

Principal fishery: Baitfish

The Tarn is a shallow, weedy "pond" located within Acadia National Park. For many years, it was stocked with brook trout that usually provided a satisfactory spring fishery for 7-9 inch fish. Unfortunately, a series of unusually dry, warm summers in the 1990's substantially increased the prevalence of aquatic weeds and reduced the already low volume of water. Due to the substantially diminished area of trout habitat, the stocking program was terminated in 2000. Although a few wild brook trout will undoubtedly be caught periodically, the best use for this former pond, now turned into a marsh, is as a source of live bait.

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