

### MEGUNTICOOK LAKE

Lincolnton Twp., Waldo County  
Hope and Camden Twps., Knox County  
U.S.G.S. Camden, Lincolnton,  
and Searsmont, Maine

#### Fishes

Landlocked salmon	Chain pickerel	
Brown trout	Minnows	Rainbow trout
trout	Golden shiner	Brook trout
White sucker	Rainbow smelt	
Hornpout (bullhead)		
Smallmouth bass	Banded killifish	
Largemouth bass	Pumpkinseed sunfish	
White perch	American eel	
Yellow perch		

#### Physical Characteristics

Area - 1305 acres      Temperatures  
Surface - 73° F.  
65 feet - 41° F.      Maximum depth - 65 feet

Principal Fishery: Brown trout,  
Smallmouth bass,  
Largemouth bass,  
White perch

Megunticook Lake is very picturesque with the towering cliffs of Mount Megunticook rising from the east shore. The public can access the lake from improved boat ramps located off route 52 to the east and route 105 along the west shore. The lake also serves as a public water supply for near by towns.

Historically, both landlocked salmon and rainbow trout were stocked in Megunticook Lake. Marginal water quality, a lack of deep cold well oxygenated water, was the cause for salmon not providing an adequate fishery.

Experimentally rainbow trout were stocked but this program was terminated when the statewide rainbow trout program was abandoned. More recently a private group in conjunction with the Fisheries and Wildlife Department has once again experimentally stock Megunticook Lake with rainbow trout. This program will be evaluated to see if rainbows provide a more successful fishery than brown trout which are currently being stocked

The smallmouth and largemouth bass fishery remains very good with above average size fish, although the numbers of largemouth are low. Only a limited amount of prime juvenile bass habitat exists and during low water years this habitat can be exposed causing high year class mortality.

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