

MESSER POND
T5 R8 WELS, Penobscot County
U.S.G.S. Traveler Mountain, Maine

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)	Redbreast sunfish
White sucker	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Minnows	
Creek chub	
Finescale dace	

Physical Characteristics

Area — 27 acres	Temperatures
	Surface — 68°F
Maximum depth — 13 feet	11 Feet — 64°F

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Messer Pond is a scenic trout pond located in a hilly area about 6 miles south of Grand Lake Matagamon. The surrounding forest is mixed growth except for a mature stand of red pine on the east shore. The shoreline is generally shallow and rocky on the east shores and shallow and muddy on the west shores. Minnows and sunfish are very abundant along the shallow shores and coves of the pond.

Messer Pond experiences quite high water temperatures during July and August. During this period the brook trout seek refuge in several cool springs around the pond. The brook trout spawn on gravelly areas located in these springs. The tributary is very small and drops steeply to the pond, and is of little importance as spawning habitat.

Natural reproduction in the pond produces as many brook trout as the pond is capable of supporting, and no stocking is necessary at this time. However, a close watch will be kept on this pond to determine if the improved accessibility will necessitate regulation changes or stocking.

Messer Pond is classified as a remote pond and although a gravel road passes within sight of the pond this road will be blocked off at least ½ mile from the pond when logging in the area is completed.

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T5R8 WELS, PISCATAQUIS CO., MAINE
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ONE TENTH MILE