

HORSESHOE POND Willimantic Twp., Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Sebec Lake West, Me (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brook trout Minnows Golden shiner Fathead minnow White sucker Hornpout (bullhead) Banded killifish Ninespine stickleback

Physical Characteristics

Area - 65 acres

Maximum depth - 12 feet

Temperatures: Surface - 79°F 12 feet - 76°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

Horseshoe Pond lies just south of Rt. 150 in Willimantic near Sebec Lake. The main access route is a tote road from Rt. 150 swings around the east shore of the pond.

The pond is nestled between Poverty, Davis, and Ragged mountains to the south, west, and east. Views of Borestone and Barren Mountains to the north make this pond one of the most scenic in the area.

The pond is shallow and warm with large areas of submergent vegetation. Brook trout are present, but competition from minnows and suckers, and marginal water temperatures limit the population.

There are two spring tributaries to Horseshoe Pond, one on the south shore and one on the west shore. At the time of the survey, there was little flow in either tributary. Most of the shoreline is rocky with scattered boulders. However, the shoreline near the outlet and tributaries is floating bog.

Stocking brook trout in Horseshoe Pond would provide trout fishing in an area with few trout ponds. Reclamation could also be considered to eliminate competing species.

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