ROCKY POND T2 R9, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Katahdin, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 10 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 63° F.

Maximum depth - 8 feet

6 feet -63° F.

Rocky Pond is located several miles south of Mount Katahdin, within the new addition to Baxter State Park. The pond can be reached from the west by walking along an old logging road that skirts the north side of Abol Pond. Beautiful, mature stands of red pine partially surround this small kettle-hole pond. The most conspicuous feature of the pond is the many large boulders protruding above the water's surface. Rocky Pond has neither an inlet nor an outlet.

We found no fish of any kind during our survey of Rocky Pond although the water quality is suitable for brook trout with cool, well-oxygenated water present throughout. We judge that brook trout can spawn along the gravelly shores.

As a result of our survey, the pond was stocked with 500 small brook trout in the fall of 1964. They should grow to legal size during 1965. Baxter Park regulations prohibit the use or possession of live fish as bait and limit the daily catch to five fish. These laws should protect the pond from acquiring additional species and should distribute the trout catch among many anglers.

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