

CENTER POND

Phippsburg Twp., Sagadahoc Co. U.S.G.S. Bath, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Largemouth bass White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiners American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 75 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 77°F 7 feet - 77°F

Maximum depth - 7 feet

Principal fisheries: Largemouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel

Center Pond is a shallow impoundment created on a tidal estuary. Water quality is considered very good for resident warmwater fisheries, but unsuitable for coldwater fish since the pond does not thermally stratify in the summer. Competition and predation from existing warmwater fish further reduce the opportunity to manage for coldwater fish. Center Pond is best managed for warmwater fisheries.

White perch are abundant and of good size quality. In 1955 largemouths were introduced to enhance angling opportunities.

Traditional boat access has occurred within the MDOT right-of-way along Route 209. An unimproved gravel launch within the right-of-way is located near the Town Hall and provides access for small trailered boats. Road shoulder parking is limited, but additional parking occurs at the Town Hall. In addition, a local land trust owns property along the eastern shore of Center Pond and a trail system provides foot access for shoreline angling opportunities.

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