

RUSSELL POND
T5 R16, Somerset Co.
U.S.G.S. Saint John Pond, Me.
Fishes

The fly fishing only regulation now in effect is sufficient to protect the fishing.

Brook trout (squaretail)
Round whitefish

Minnows
Creek chub
Lake chub
Finescale dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 152 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 19 feet

Surface - 64° F.
17 feet - 62° F.

Principal Fishery: Brook trout, round whitefish

Russell Pond is located within a large tract of spruce and fir wilderness to the north of Seboomook Lake. It can be reached by foot trail from the Caucomgomoc Road. The pond was once used for driving logs, hence the water has been at times much higher than it is today due to an old driving dam on the outlet, Russell Stream. This dam is now inoperable and in poor repair.

The shoreline of Russell Pond consists of rocks and gravel, except on the west end where stumps and marsh are the visible remains of the old flowage area. Elsewhere alders have grown up to cover the flowage line on the pond.

Russell Pond's water quality is excellent for trout, with good oxygen and temperatures at all depths. However, large populations of minnows are present to compete with young trout for food.

The population of trout in Russell Pond is presently maintained by good spawning areas in the inlets, but at the time of survey there was considerable beaver activity in these inlets. New beaver dams could possibly block migrations of trout to good spawning areas.

Beaver have built a dam at the site of the old driving dam on the outlet. This dam is holding a two-foot head of water on the pond. It blocks passage for migrating fish at all water levels.

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