

FOURTH ST. JOHN POND
T5 R17, Somerset Co.
U. S. G. S. St. John Pond, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)	Minnows
Yellow perch	Common shiner
Lake whitefish	Creek chub
White sucker	Fallfish (chub)
	Golden shiner
	Lake chub

Physical Characteristics

Area - 198 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 68° F.
Maximum depth - 22 feet	21 feet - 66° F.

Fourth St. John Pond is quite shallow, with nearly equal temperatures from the surface to the bottom during summer months. Tremendous numbers of suckers, perch, and chubs compete with brook trout for food and space.

Fishing pressure is extremely light because few fishermen venture into this slightly travelled section. Most of the fishermen are Great Northern Paper Company employees and their guests. Excellent stream fishing for trout can occasionally be had along Baker Branch. A small spring brook at the south-eastern end of the pond also has many legal trout.

Baker Branch, both above and below Fourth St. John, has very good spawning and nursery areas for brook trout. Beaver dams in the inlet stream should be removed to allow trout to migrate to spawning areas. The driving dam at the outlet is falling into a state of disrepair. Fish are now able to migrate through this structure, but the dam will eventually crumble and become a barrier to fish movements. The dam should be removed before it becomes an obstruction.

No stocking of hatchery fish is recommended.

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