

FIFTH MACHIAS LAKE

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T36MD, Washington Co. U.S.G.S. Fletcher Peak, ME (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brook trout
White perch
Yellow perch
Chain pickerel
Minnows
Fallfish (chub)

White sucker Banded killifish Pumpkinseed sunfish American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 1069 acres

Temperatures: Surface - 74°F 23 feet - 59°F

Maximum depth - 27 feet

Principal fishery: White perch, chain pickerel

Fifth Machias Lake is the uppermost water in the well-known Machias Lakes chain. It's located about a mile north of the Stud Mill Road in a remote section of Washington County. To reach the lake, anglers must launch their canoe/small boat about 1½ miles down the outlet, and motor/paddle up into the lake.

It's a typical warmwater lake, providing fisheries for white perch and pickerel. Because of its remote location, it receives very low use. Those anglers who make the effort often enjoy some very good fishing. The deep hole is located a relatively short distance from the outlet, and is a great spot to fish for perch in the summer.

A number of tributaries support wild brook trout, some of which are periodically caught in the lake, especially during the ice fishing season. Certain anglers, using canoes, fish some of these tributaries with good success for 7-9 inch trout. The outlet, Fifth Lake Stream, which is best fished by canoe, provides a very good trout fishery in the spring. Although fishing quality has substantially declined over the years, the stream still yields some 14-15 inch trout. In an effort to maintain this fishery, special regulations, including artificial lures only, have been implemented. Anglers should consult their lawbook prior to fishing Fifth Lake Stream.

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