

FROST POND
T3 R11 and T3 R12, Piscataquis Co.
U. S. G. S. Harrington Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 198 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 70° F.

Maximum depth - 39 feet

39 feet - 51° F.

Many Maine ponds have good habitat for trout, but large numbers of other fish compete for the same areas, eat similar foods, and in most cases are more aggressive than our native brook trout. Many of these ponds were considered good trout fishing in the past, but, as other fish were introduced, trout were displaced.

Some ponds with good trout habitat can be reclaimed and can again produce trout instead of thousands of pounds of fish that no one cares to eat or catch. To reclaim a pond, a chemical toxic to fish is mixed with the water to kill the existing fish population. Other ponds with equally good habitat for trout may not be suitable for reclamation because boggy areas, springs, and tributary streams provide hiding places for the fish where it is virtually impossible to apply the chemical effectively.

Frost Pond is isolated from the rest of the West Branch of the Penobscot River drainage by a 15-foot falls located on its outlet about 1/4 mile below the pond. This falls prevented undesirable fish in Chesuncook Lake from reaching Frost Pond. However, this excellent trout pond was ruined by anglers thoughtlessly dumping live bait-fish into the pond after completing their fishing trips. These suckers and chubs eventually dominated Frost Pond, and fishing quality became poor.

Frost Pond was reclaimed in October 1962. Legal-sized trout were stocked in 1963, and fingerlings will be stocked annually.

The pond is now open to fishing under the following regulations:

1. A five-trout bag limit;
2. The use or possession of live fish as bait prohibited; and
3. Closure to ice fishing.

These regulations are designed to allow a larger number of anglers to share the catch of trout and to prevent reintroduction of undesirable fish.

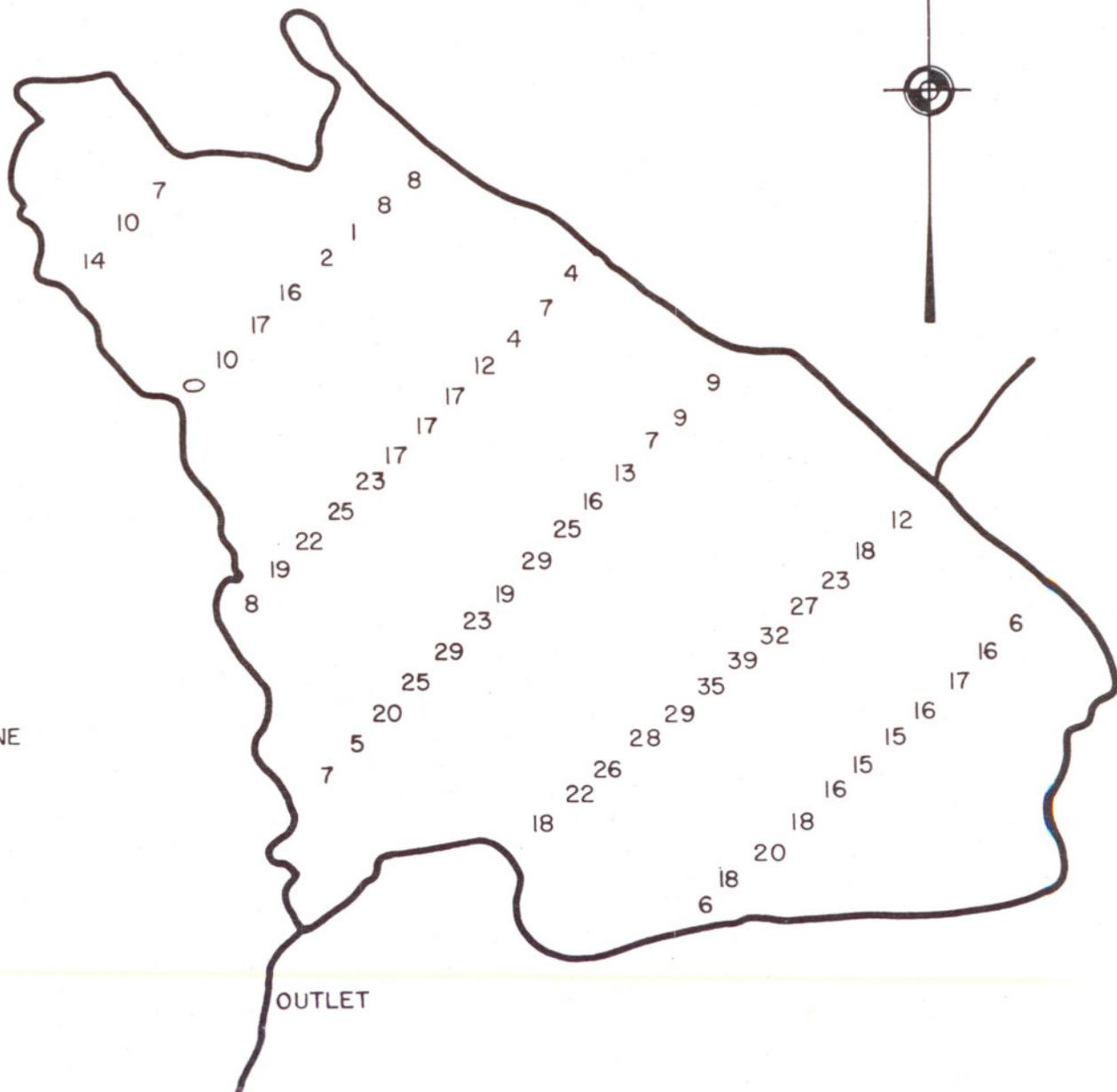
Frost Pond lies right beside the road several miles north of Ripogenus Dam. Forest Service campsites and a sporting camp are located on the shores of Frost Pond. This pond will provide an excellent alternative trip for anglers when Chesuncook Lake is too rough to fish.

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