

LILY PAD POND
T3 R10, Piscataquis Co.
U. S. G. S. Harrington Lake

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnnows

Golden shiner

Physical Characteristics

Area - 20 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 15 feet

Surface - 62° F.

13 feet - 52° F.

Principal Fishery - Brook trout

Lily Pad Pond does not have the rocky shoreline and crystal clear water so typical of most small ponds in Baxter State Park. Located in an extensive bog to the south of Kidney Pond, it is surrounded by shrubs and plants associated with open spruce bogs. The bottom is very muddy, and weeds are abundant both on the bottom and on the surface. While spruce and fir forest can be found a short distance to the south and west of the pond, the large open area to the north and the east created by the bog permits an impressive panoramic view of the mountains all the way from Doubletop Mountain to Mt. Katahdin.

The water in Lily Pad Pond is dark in color, but this is characteristic of water in ponds located in a boggy environment. Except for the area of water below ten feet where an oxygen deficiency was found, the pond has suitable water quality for trout. Brook trout and golden shiners were found to be present at the time of survey.

Reproduction possibilities for these trout are limited to the inlet, or perhaps to some area around the pond where spring seeps could be present. The outlet, which flows into Nesowadnehunk Stream, has a sandy and muddy bottom that makes it unsuitable for trout spawning. Presently this outlet is deadwater for quite a distance down from the pond. As there were fresh signs of beaver activity in the pond, this is probably due to a beaver dam. In times when beaver are not active in the pond, trout could move freely between Lily Pad Pond and Nesowadnehunk Stream, which has many suitable spawning and nursery areas for trout.

Regulations now in effect allow fly fishing only with a five fish bag limit. These regulations are sufficient to protect the fishery.

Access to the inlet is by trail from Kidney Pond. In order to reach the pond one must paddle down a long meandering stretch of deadwater through the bog.

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AREA 20 ACRES



ONE TENTH MILE

