

LITTLE MINISTER POND
T2, R10 WELS, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Harrington Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Physical Characteristics

Area — 4 acres

Temperatures

Surface — 59° F.

Maximum Depth — 18 feet

18 feet — 52° F.

Principal fishery: Brook trout

High ridges covered by spruce and fir surround Little Minister Pond. The shoreline is being encroached by bog vegetation, which will at some time in the future completely cover the pond. Cool water temperatures, caused by its northern location and spring water influence, retard this bog encroachment and provide excellent brook trout habitat.

Dissolved oxygen is abundant at all depths. As in Big Minister Pond, small brook trout are very abundant with few large fish. Natural reproduction apparently takes place in the outlet or in spring influences as there are no tributaries to Little Minister Pond.

The outlet of Little Minister empties into Big Minister Pond. The falls on the outlet of Big Minister that prevent the upstream migration of fish from the Debsconeag Lakes also protect Little Minister from the natural introduction of competing species.

Because of the natural abundance of trout stocking is not recommended. There is currently a five fish bag limit and a no-live-fish-as-bait regulation designed to prevent introduction of competing species.

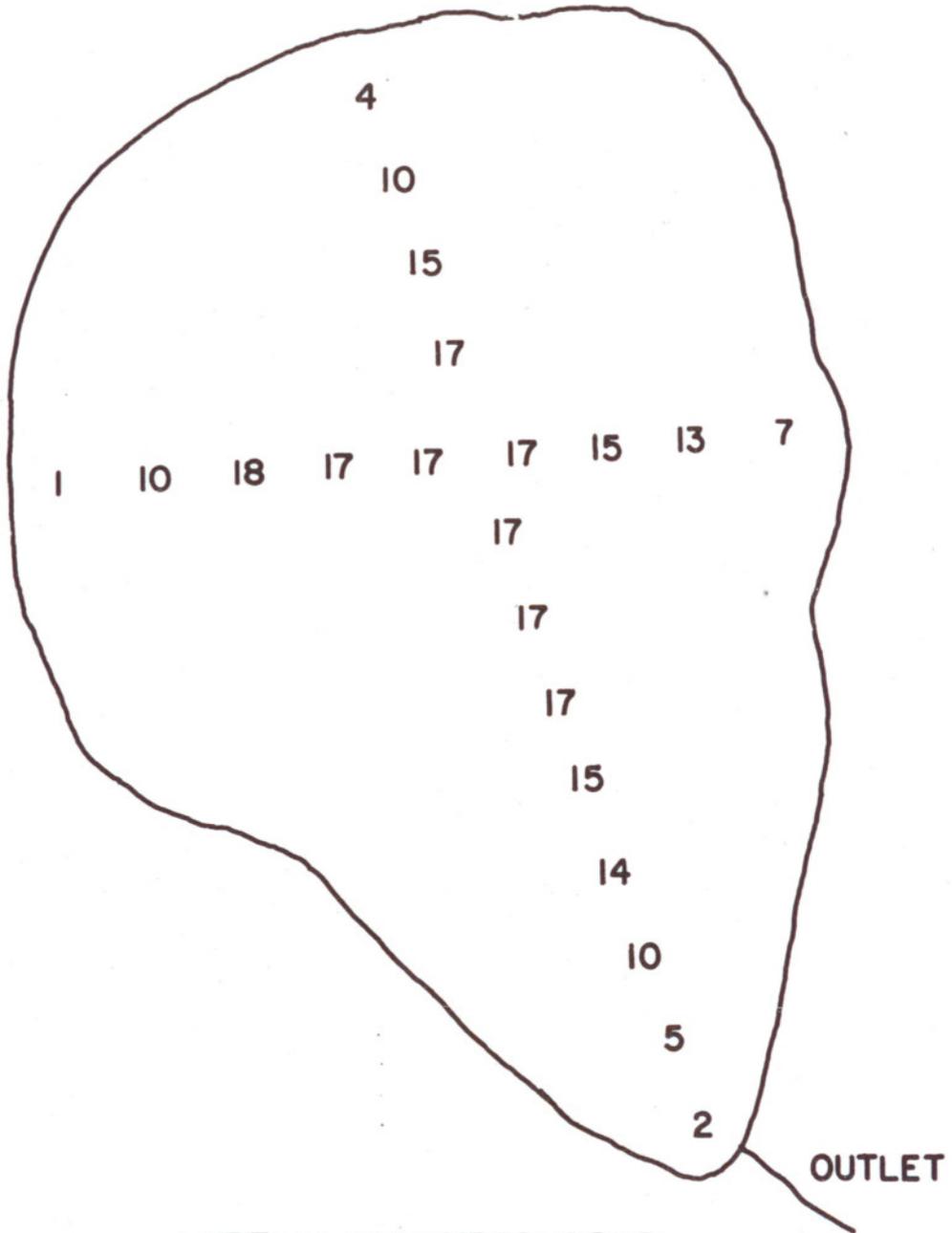
Access to Little Minister Pond is via a one half mile trail, up the outlet stream, from Big Minister Pond.

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