

SOPER POND
T8 R11, T8 R12, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Spider Lake, Maine

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)
White sucker

Minnows
Blacknose dace
Redbelly dace
Creek chub
Common shiner
Threespine stickleback

Physical Characteristics

Area - 246 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 11 feet

Surface - 63° F.
9 feet - 63° F.

Soper Pond is a shallow pond with a few deep areas near the shores and islands. There are some gravel areas around the islands, but they are heavily silted and offer little spawning habitat for trout.

The inlet streams are wide and shallow and flow through an extensive heath bog; heavy siltation limits spawning facilities. The first one-half-mile of the outlet also flows through a heath bog and has a very muddy bottom. However, downstream from the wooded area the outlet appears to offer good spawning and nursery areas for brook trout.

Although Soper Pond does not contain optimum habitat for coldwater game fishes, there is some migration of trout to and from the tributaries. No stocking is recommended because the pond is remote and receives only light fishing pressure.

