

CRYSTAL POND

(Beals Pond)

Turner Twp., Androscoggin Co.
U.S.G.S. Buckfield, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brown trout	Chain pickerel
Brook trout	Minnows
Rainbow smelt	Golden shiner
Smallmouth bass	Fallfish (chub)
Largemouth bass	White sucker
White perch	Hornpout (bullhead)
Yellow perch	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Northern pike	American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 47 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 75°F

Maximum depth - 39 feet

35 feet - 44°F

Principal fisheries: Brown trout, brook trout, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel

Crystal Pond, also known as Beals Pond, drains to Martin Stream a major tributary to the Nezinscot River. Anglers can access this small pond via a small unimproved launch located off State Route 4 on the west shore. This launch site is only suitable for small boats and canoes.

Heavy competition from warm water sport fish and marginal water quality make management of cold water sportfish difficult. Brown trout are better suited to survive

under these conditions. The lack of suitable spawning and nursery habitat dictates the necessity of annual stockings to maintain the fishery.

Recent improvements to the Department's hatchery system have provided additional fish for stocking. The stocking of legal-size brook trout into Crystal Pond is a result of these improvements. Brook trout are stocked in the spring to provide fast fishing in the early summer. These trout are not expected to survive through the hot summer months due to the poor water quality and therefore an additional fall stocking is needed to provide the winter angler with the opportunity to catch brook trout.

Crystal Pond also provides fishing for several warmwater species. Fast fishing for bass, white perch and pickerel can be expected for those who actively pursue them. In 2000, northern pike were first observed, undoubtedly, the result of an illegal introduction. Should pike become well established they would have dire impacts on the other warm water sportfish.

Surveyed - August, 1954

Resurveyed - 1963

(Revised - 1989, 2006)

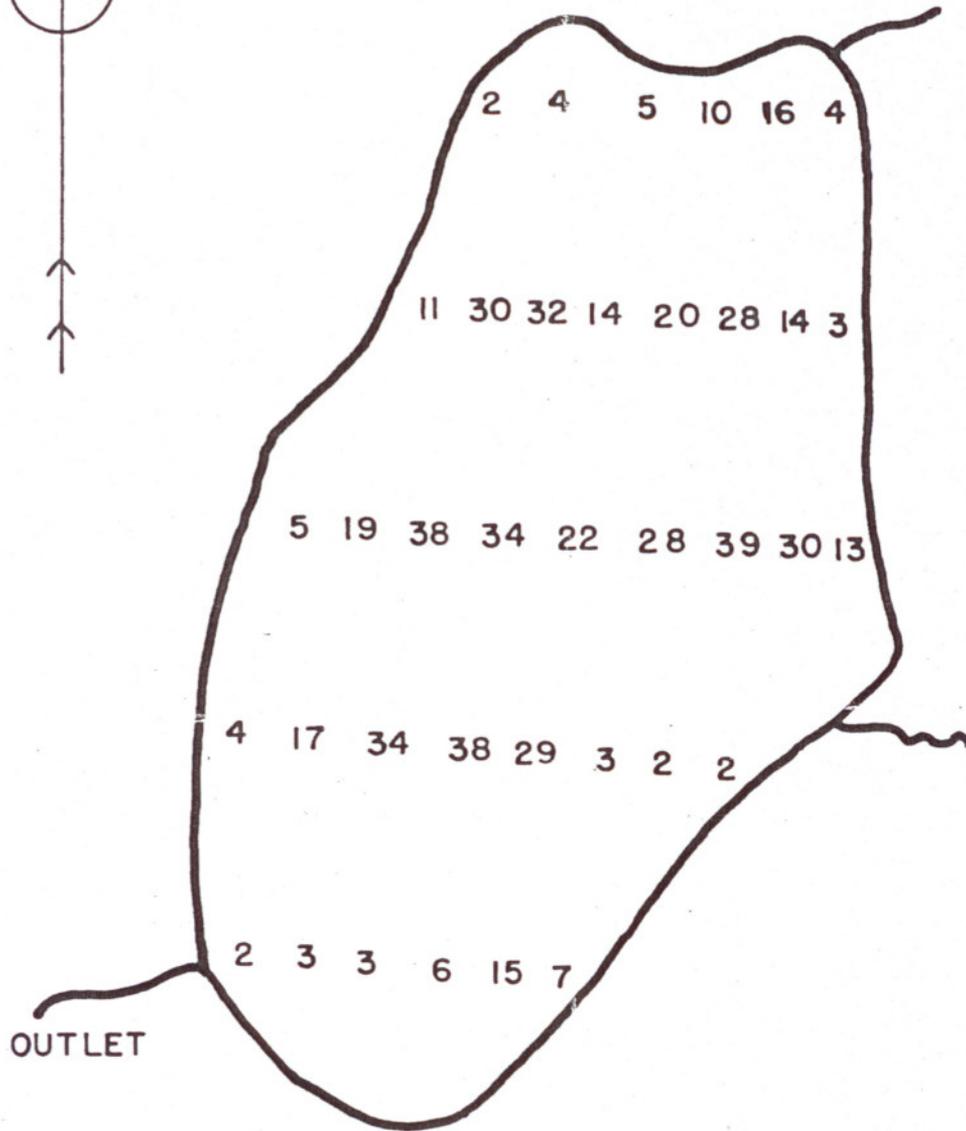
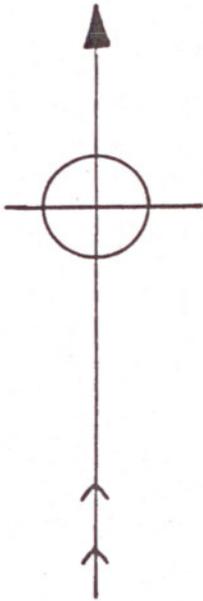
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