

## SOLDIER POND Wallagrass Plt., Aroostook County U.S.G.S. Fort Kent South, Me (7 1/2')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon Lake trout (togue) Brook trout Round whitefish Rainbow smelt Yellow perch Minnows Lake chub Redbelly dace Blacknose dace Creek chub Fallfish (chub) Pearl dace Longnose sucker White sucker Burbot (cusk) Banded killifish Threespine stickleback Slimy sculpin

**Physical Characteristics** 

Area - 96 acres Average depth - 12 feet Maximum depth - 49 feet Temperatures: Surface - 70<sup>0</sup>F 40 feet - 68<sup>0</sup>F

Principal fishery: Landlocked salmon, brook trout

Soldier Pond is a deep, wide area of the Fish River located a short distance downstream from Eagle Lake. Characteristics of the pond are influenced significantly by a large inflow of water from Fish River that keeps late-summer water temperatures about equal at all depths. Until hot summer weather, cool water temperatures exist at most depths, and much of the pond has some visible water flow at the surface. These conditions create good feeding areas for salmon and brook trout.

Angling for brook trout and salmon can be good to excellent at many times during the open water season. Often, the first angling of the season in the region can be found at the road crossing in Soldier Pond village. Excellent angling can extend well into June depending on weather conditions. Angling in September can also be very good as wild trout and salmon become active prior to spawning.

Conservative fishing regulations, including terminal tackle restrictions, have been enacted on Soldier Pond to provide high quality angling for wild salmonids.

Permission should be asked to use the small, gravel boat launch that exists on the Southeast side of the road and bridge in Soldier Pond Village.

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