

SOMES POND

Mount Desert Twp., Hancock County
U.S.G.S. Mount Desert, Maine

Fishes

Salmon	White sucker
Smallmouth bass	Minnows
Chain pickerel	Redbelly dace
Smelt	Golden shiner
Alewife	Banded killifish
Eel	Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area -- 104 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 70° F.
Maximum depth depth - 25 feet	25 feet - 54° F.

Principal Fishery: Chain pickerel, smallmouth bass

Somes Pond is located in the village of Somesville on Mount Desert Island, It is readily accessible as two roads go by different ends of the pond.

This pond is managed for warmwater sportfish although ice fishermen routinely catch some salmon which have dropped down out of Long Pond and Ripple Brook after spawning. Pickerel are abundant and provide winter anglers with considerable action. Accordingly, the pond is an excellent locale to take a youngster ice fishing. However, the "drawback" is that the average length of angled pickerel is only about 13 inches which is far below the statewide average of approximately 17 inches. Somes Pond is one of those waters which harbors a stunted population of pickerel.

Smallmouth bass, which are far less abundant than pickerel, grow well, and some specimens in the 2 1/2-3 1/2 pound range are caught annually. Unlike the pickerel, which tend to be thin, bass over 14 inches in length are typically in very good shape. Adult anadromous alewives migrate up thru the pond each spring on their way to Long Pond. The resulting progeny constitute an important forage item in the diets of pickerel and bass during the late summer and fall.

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