

SPECTACLE POND

Vassalboro and Augusta, Kennebec County
U.S.G.S. Augusta, Maine

Fishes

Brown trout	Minnows
Brook trout	Golden shiner
Rainbow smelt	White sucker
Largemouth bass	Hornpout (bullhead)
White perch	Banded killifish
Yellow perch	Redbreast sunfish
Chain pickerel	American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 139 acres

Temperatures:

Maximum depth - 100 feet

Surface - 76⁰F

95 feet - 41⁰F

Principal fisheries: Brown trout, brook trout, largemouth bass, chain pickerel, white perch

Spectacle Pond has sufficient cool, oxygenated water to allow for management of brown trout and brook trout. Browns were first stocked in 1973 and brook trout were originally stocked in the spring of 1991. Suitable spawning habitat does not exist so annual stocking of both these species is necessary to maintain the fishery.

An abundant smelt population provides for excellent growth survival for both trout species. The close proximity of the pond to the city of Augusta and the increased angler pressure coupled with the pond's potential to yield trophy size fish led to the promulgation of very conservative regulations in 1996. The effectiveness of these rule changes will be closely monitored.

An unimproved access site is owned and maintained by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife along the north shore located off the Cross Hill Road.

Spectacle Pond is a very picturesque with little shoreline development.

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