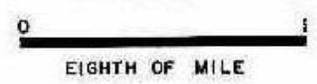


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JAYBIRD POND

PORTER AND HIRAM TWPS., OXFORD CO., MAINE

AREA 13 ACRES



JAYBIRD POND

Hiram & Porter Twps., Oxford, Co.
U.S.G.S. Kezar Falls, Me.-N.H. (7.5')

Fishes

Brook trout
Minnnows
Golden shiners

Hornpout (bullhead)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 14 acres

Maximum depth - 21 feet

Temperatures:

Surface - 80°F

20 feet - 53°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout, hornpout

Jaybird is a small pond consisting of two separate basins connected by a relatively narrow channel. Only a few camps exist on the shoreline, and easy access makes this water popular among local anglers. The pond is currently managed as a small brook trout pond.

This water thermally stratifies each summer, and an oxygen deficiency develops below 13 feet. As a result, the eastern basin provides no summer habitat for brook trout, but the western basin provides a narrow band of cool, oxygenated water. Brook trout have been providing a popular fishery among local anglers and occasionally larger fish are caught up to 15 inches. There is no spawning or nursery habitat for brook trout, so annual stocking is required to maintain the fishery.

In 1956 and 1988, this pond was chemically reclaimed to remove competing species and allow for intensive management of brook trout. The removal of hornpout may not have been completely successful; however, golden shiners were introduced illegally. People should refrain from such activities, because introductions can have negative impacts upon desired fisheries. For example, this water now has a large population of golden shiners and stunted hornpout that severely limit brook trout performance.

A dirt access is located off Rte. 160 adjacent to the pond's outlet. This access provides limited parking, and is suitable for launching a canoe or small car-top boat.

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