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MINE POND

PORTER TWP., OXFORD CO., MAINE

AREA 58 ACRES

MINE POND Porter Twp., Oxford, Co. U.S.G.S. Kezar Falls, Me.(7.5')

Fishes

Brown trout Rainbow trout Brook trout Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner Redbelly dace White sucker Hornpout (bullhead) Redbreast sunfish Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 58 acres

Maximum depth - 34 feet

Temperatures: Surface - 75°F 32 feet - 54°F

Principal fisheries: Brown trout, brook trout, chain pickerel

Mine Pond is a small, remote pond located adjacent to the Maine - New Hampshire border. Single camps are located on each end of the pond while the remainder of the shoreline is undeveloped. Crystal clear water, steep shorelines littered with large boulders, and views of the surrounding hillsides characterize this pond and make it worth visiting. This pond is managed primarily for coldwater fish species.

Mine Pond thermally stratifies each summer and typically has good dissolved oxygen levels down to the bottom. This water is stocked with brook trout, but heavy competition from competing fish species limits their potential. In addition, brown trout are stocked because of their greater ability to withstand competition. The brown trout fishery is quite good and fish up to 5 or 6 pounds are occasionally taken. Both trout species must be stocked annually due to a lack of spawning tributaries. In 1996, rainbow trout were stocked by private individuals.

Habitat for chain pickerel is somewhat limited, but a small fishery exists.

In the past, access into Mine Pond has been restricted by the private landowners. However, the landowners have agreed to allow access along their privately owned roads in exchange for the continuation of a stocking program. This pond would be an excellent candidate for reclamation if long-term access could be secured. The access road is located off Rte. 25 near the Maine - New Hampshire border and boat access is limited to carry-in. Anglers and others visitors should be careful to respect the land and these access privileges to insure them for the future.

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