



Cranberry Pond  
Bowdoin College Grant West  
Piscataquis Co., Maine  
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Bowdoin College Grant West, Piscataquis Co.,  
U.S.G.S. Barren Mountain West, Me (7 ½')

## Fishes

Brook trout

### Physical Characteristics

Area - 8 acres

Maximum depth - 3 feet

Temperatures:

Surface - 66°F

5 feet - 66°F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Cranberry Pond sits high on the southwest end of Blue Ridge between Rum Pond and Lower Wilson Pond. Access is by foot or ATV for nearly 3 ½ miles from the Greenville Road.

This pond is very shallow. If not for the many springs and high altitude, this pond would probably be too warm in the summer to support brook trout. The remains of an old beaver dam were present on the outlet at the time of the survey. This dam probably held 2-3 feet of water when it was active. Although it was not holding any water, it was acting as an impasse to fish movement. Pockets of gravel and rock are present immediately below the beaver dam, which could provide a limited amount of spawning habitat. The outlet becomes very steep with several impasses a short distance downstream of the pond. Several springs were located during the survey. Young-of-the-year-trout were present in the gravel areas in the spring on the northeast shore. This spring had a significant flow. A smaller spring area was located in the pond along the southeast shore as well. This spring had rocks and gravel around it and young trout were observed here as well. Several smaller spring tributaries with no spawning habitat are also present. It is likely that other springs exist in the pond that were not located during the survey.

The surrounding forest is mixed hardwood and softwood. Typical shrubs inhabited the shoreline. A large area of mud had been exposed around the entire shoreline of the pond due to the failure of the beaver dam.

Several age classes of trout were taken during the survey, suggesting that natural reproduction is adequate to sustain the fishery. This pond would benefit from higher water levels. It is possible that this pond will freeze completely to the bottom in winter months.

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