

SNOW'S POND
Dover-Foxcroft Twp., Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S., Dover-Foxcroft, Me.

Fishes

Chain pickerel
Hornpout (bullhead)

White sucker
Minnow species

Physical Characteristics

Area - 21 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 78° F.

Maximum depth - 8 feet

6 feet - 73° F.

Principal Fishery: Chain pickerel

Snow's Pond is located off Route 153, a short distance north of Dover-Foxcroft. This pond was once little more than a beaver flowage. However, in 1970, as part of a flood control project for the Town of Dover-Foxcroft, the U.S. Soil Conservation Service constructed a dam on Davee Brook just below the old flowage. This has created a pond with an area of 21 acres.

Snow's Pond is very shallow and weedy, good habitat for the warm-water species which live there. Pickerel are the major predators in the pond, and they appear abundant. Summer water temperatures are beyond the limits tolerated by brook trout. These factors preclude any attempts to maintain a brook trout population through a fingerling stocking program.

It is possible that a few trout may be present in the pond at times. Water in the stream entering the upper end of the pond is cooler than in the pond, and could provide a refuge for trout during the summer months. There are also some suitable trout spawning areas in this brook. However, no trout were observed there during the survey.

The dam on the outlet prevents any fish from moving upstream into the pond.

Snow's Pond should be managed for the existing warmwater species. In the past it has been stocked with yearling brook trout to provide a short-term spring fishery. Because of the presence of other trout waters in the area, this type of management should not continue. General law regulations now in effect are adequate to maintain the fishery. Ice fishing could be permitted in Snow's Pond to allow utilization of the pickerel population during the winter months.

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