

BARRETT POND  
Holeb Twp., Somerset Co.  
U.S.G.S. Attean, Me.

The general county regulations are sufficient to protect the fishery in this remote area.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)	Minnows (cont)
Minnows	Lake chub
Creek chub	

Physical Characteristics

Area - 34 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 72° F.
Maximum depth - 6 feet	6 feet - 71° F.

After leaving U.S. 201, a 25-mile trip on a gravel road will take the angler to within 3 miles of Barrett Pond. A 4-wheel drive vehicle can go to within 200 yards of the pond. However, woods operations are over in this area, and the abandoned gravel road will deteriorate rapidly without maintenance. The pond has not been overfished, and it has a large trout population.

Barrett Pond is very shallow, but the bottom is firm and the water is fairly clear. Water temperatures may approach the maximum that brook trout can tolerate. A prolonged warm spell may cause some mortality if the spring areas cannot accommodate all the trout. Trout concentrated in shallow water are also more vulnerable to predators.

There are no tributaries to Barrett Pond. The outlet trickles through a wide boulder area for some distance before it forms a visible stream. Trout must spawn on patches of gravel or springy areas along the shores.

Two species of chubs are sharing the pond with the trout. They are abundant and undoubtedly consume much of the food produced. While the trout are numerous the chubs may be kept in check. However, if the pond is overfished and the trout depleted, the chubs may become dominant. When this occurs it is very difficult to restock a pond successfully. It is like trying to grow vegetables in a garden without first eliminating the weeds.

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