

LITTLE ENCHANTED POND
Upper Enchanted Twp., Somerset Co.
U.S.G.S., Pierce Pond, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 35 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 66° F.

Maximum depth - 55 feet

52 feet - 43° F.

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Little Enchanted Pond is located on a height of land between Enchanted Pond and Spencer Lake. It can be reached by trail from either of these waters.

A forest of spruce and fir, with some cedars, red pines and white pines, is found along the immediate shoreline of the pond. Hardwoods predominate on the hills surrounding the pond. The shore is quite rocky, with some gravel areas as well. There are no permanent tributary brooks to the pond, though several small spring seeps feed into it.

Only brook trout are found in Little Enchanted Pond. In the absence of other fish species that could compete with the trout, and with favorable water temperatures and adequate levels of dissolved oxygen in the water at all depths, conditions are very good for trout survival and growth. The trout population is maintained through natural reproduction within the pond.

The outlet offers little potential as spawning area for the trout in Little Enchanted Pond. It flows among rocks and then underground for some distance below the pond before emerging as Enchanted Stream, a tributary to Enchanted Pond. Natural barriers on this outlet have prevented the suckers and minnow species which occur in Enchanted Pond from entering Little Enchanted.

Little Enchanted Pond has been zoned as a remote pond by Maine's Land Use Regulation Commission. This special protection, recommended by the Fish and Wildlife Department, is designed to maintain the present condition of the pond and its surrounding environment. Development along the shore will be prohibited, and through regulation of any future road construction near the pond, access by vehicle will be restricted. There are presently two campsites on the pond available for anglers who choose to remain overnight.

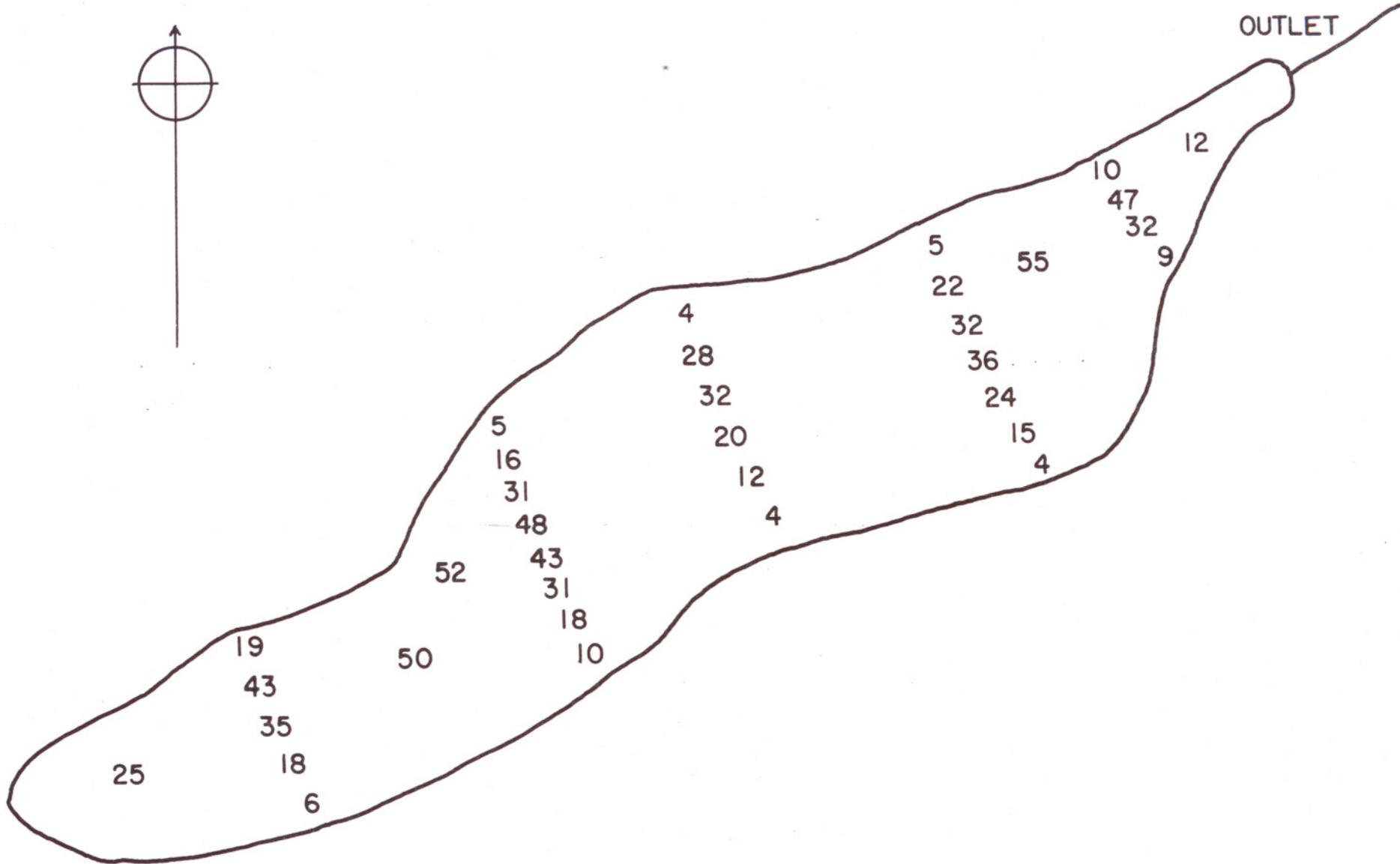
Little Enchanted Pond will be managed for its wild brook trout population. An existing regulation restricts fishing to fly fishing only. This prevents the possibility of any new fish species being accidentally introduced into the pond. Even though the pond is quite remote, at times anglers' harvest may be high enough to influence the quality of trout fishing for which the pond is noted. Therefore a daily bag limit of no more than 5 trout is recommended to help distribute the catch among anglers.

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