

HALL POND
T4 R4, Somerset Co.
U.S.G.S. Sandy Bay, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows
Creek chub
Finescale dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 19 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 57° F.

Maximum depth - 30 feet

27 feet - 49° F.

Hall Pond is a small trout pond whose outlet flows into Duncan Pond, then into the South Branch of the Penobscot River. Fishermen travelling to Hall Pond should leave U. S. 201 about 4 miles south of the Canadian border, follow the Kelley Dam Road along the South Branch of the Penobscot River, and take the branch leading to Duncan Pond. A 4-wheel-drive vehicle becomes necessary if you plan to ride beyond Duncan Pond. An old road follows the tributary from Hall Pond and brings you within a 10-minute walk of the pond.

Our survey indicated that Hall Pond has an excellent brook trout population that exhibits a good rate of growth. Trout spawning sites are present in the tributary from Mary Petuche Pond. Additional facilities would become available by removing a complex of beaver dams from the tributary entering the extreme western end of the pond. The water in the pond separates into warm and cool layers during the summer months, which results in a deficiency of oxygen in a small volume located below the 20-foot depth.

A large population of creek chubs compete with brook trout for food and suitable habitat. Finescale dace are also present in Hall Pond, but this small minnow is a good forage species for trout. The present fly-fishing-only regulation should keep additional species, such as suckers, from being introduced into Hall Pond. Additional safeguards for the trout fishery are a waterfall on the outlet which is a barrier to fish moving upstream and fly-fishing-only regulations on waters running into the pond.

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