

## BOWLER POND

(BELTON POND)

Palermo Twp., Waldo Co.  
U.S.G.S. Palermo, Me. (7.5')

### Fishes

Brook trout	Golden shiner
Smallmouth bass	White sucker
White perch	Hornpout (bullhead)
Yellow perch	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Chain pickerel	American eel
Minnows	

### Physical Characteristics

Area - 34 acres      Temperatures:  
                                    Surface - 73°F  
Maximum depth - 40 feet      32 feet - 48°F  
Principal fisheries: Brook trout, smallmouth bass, white perch

Bowler Pond is one of several small ponds of similar size in Palermo. Suitable access for canoes and small boats is available on the Level Hill Road. An unimproved launch site can be used thanks to the courtesy of a private landowner.

Bowler Pond has a number of natural populations of warmwater sportfish. Smallmouth bass became established in the 1950's and have now become overpopulated resulting in poor growth. A popular white perch fishery has developed due to the larger-than-average size fish.

Although the warmwater fish of Bowler Pond are viewed as strong competitors with brook trout, trout stocking programs have been successful here for over 40 years. Returns to anglers coupled with excellent growth rates and good survival rates warrant continuing the program.

Brook trout survive in this pond despite marginal water quality during the summer months when oxygen content is depressed in the deeper, cooler waters. Trout likely survive due to spring seeps into the pond. A stocking program is required to maintain this fishery because Bowler Pond lacks sufficient spawning and nursery habitat for natural reproduction.

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