

PRETTY POND
T24 MD, Washington Co.
U.S.G.S. Tug Mountain, Me.

Fishes

Banded killifish
Ninespine stickleback
Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area — 27 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth — 14 feet

Surface — 76°F.

14 feet — 74°F.

Principal fishery: None

Pretty Pond is aptly named, for it is undoubtedly one of the most picturesque of the kettlehole ponds on the Washington County blueberry barrens. Virtually all of the entire shoreline and bottom is whitish sand, and the water appears turquoise in color. Although very dense colonies of filamentous algae are present throughout the water column during the hot summer months, one can still see bottom almost everywhere. Access to the pond is over a good gravel road that branches off the "Airline" (Route 9), just west of the Mopang Stream bridge.

After the pond was first surveyed in 1961, it was believed that the pond could support a brook trout fishery by periodic stockings. Several stockings in the mid-1960's failed to produce a satisfactory fishery. A brown trout stocking in 1972 was a total failure. It is believed that these stockings failed due to excessively warm summer water temperatures. There is little or no shoreline vegetation to provide shade. A water quality analysis in August, 1974 revealed bottom temperatures of 74°F. which would certainly severely stress trout.

During the summer months, the pond provides a welcome respite from the hot sun for blueberry workers who take advantage of the excellent swimming conditions.

Stocking is not recommended.

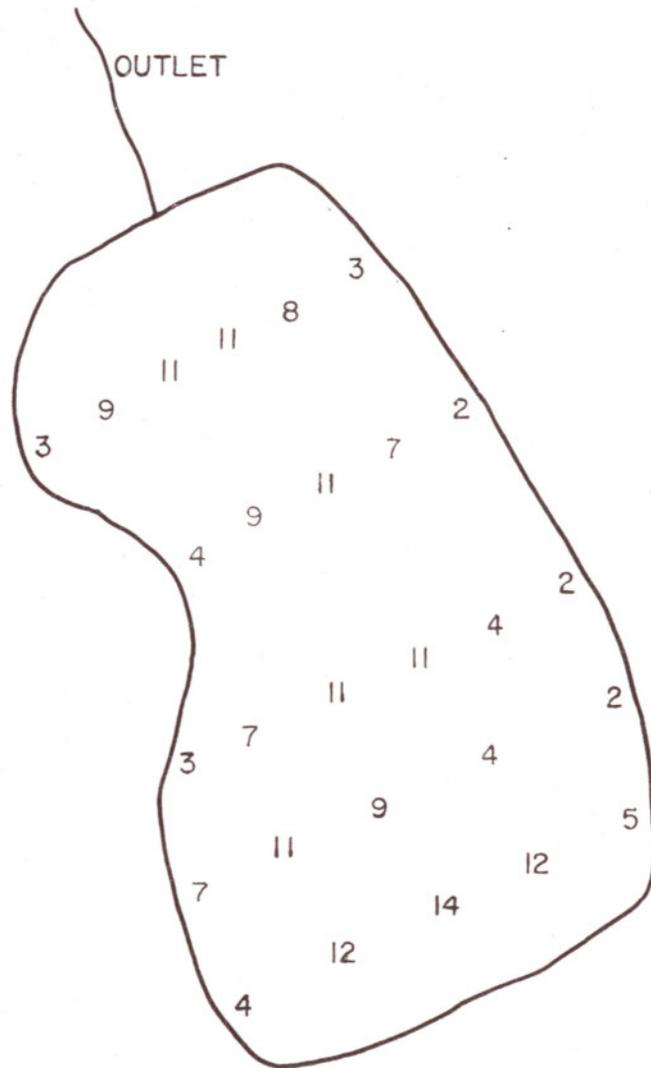
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TENTHS OF MILES