

CHASES POND
York Twp., York Co.
U.S.G.S. York Harbor, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Yellow Perch Chain Pickerel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 133 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 70°F
Maximum depth - 37 feet (2 ft. below MHW)	30 feet - 50°F

Principal fisheries: Yellow Perch, Chain Pickerel

Chases Pond is one of several water supply ponds located in the town of York. The property around this man-made reservoir is owned by the York Water District, and angler access is currently prohibited. This pond has the potential to offer a unique angling experience for southern Maine, because its undeveloped shorelines give it a very remote atmosphere.

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has been urging the water districts to change their access policies for angling purposes without success. In fact, MDIFW attempted to resurvey the pond in the late 1990's and was denied access. The department will continue to try to resurvey the pond to gather current data and we suspect that the pond may have swamp darters, which are a threatened species in the State of Maine.

If access were developed, the pond would be managed for warmwater fish species due to the lack of suitable water quality for salmonids. Chases Pond stratifies during the summer months and an oxygen deficiency develops at around 22 feet in depth. In

addition, fisheries management on any one of the active water district ponds would be limited by severe fluctuations in water levels.

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area 133 acres
elevation 154 feet

