

DESERT POND

Mt. Vernon Twp., Kennebec Co.
U.S.G.S. Readfield, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brook trout	White sucker
Minnnows	Hornpout (bullhead)
Golden shiner	Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 23 acres	Temperatures:
	Surface - 73°F
Maximum depth - 36 feet	35 feet - 41°F
Principal fisheries: Brook trout	

Desert Pond is a small, relatively remote body of water with very little shoreline development by central Maine standards. A small parking area and short trail from the Desert Pond Road provides walk-in access to the pond. Canoes and kayaks are most appropriate for anglers.

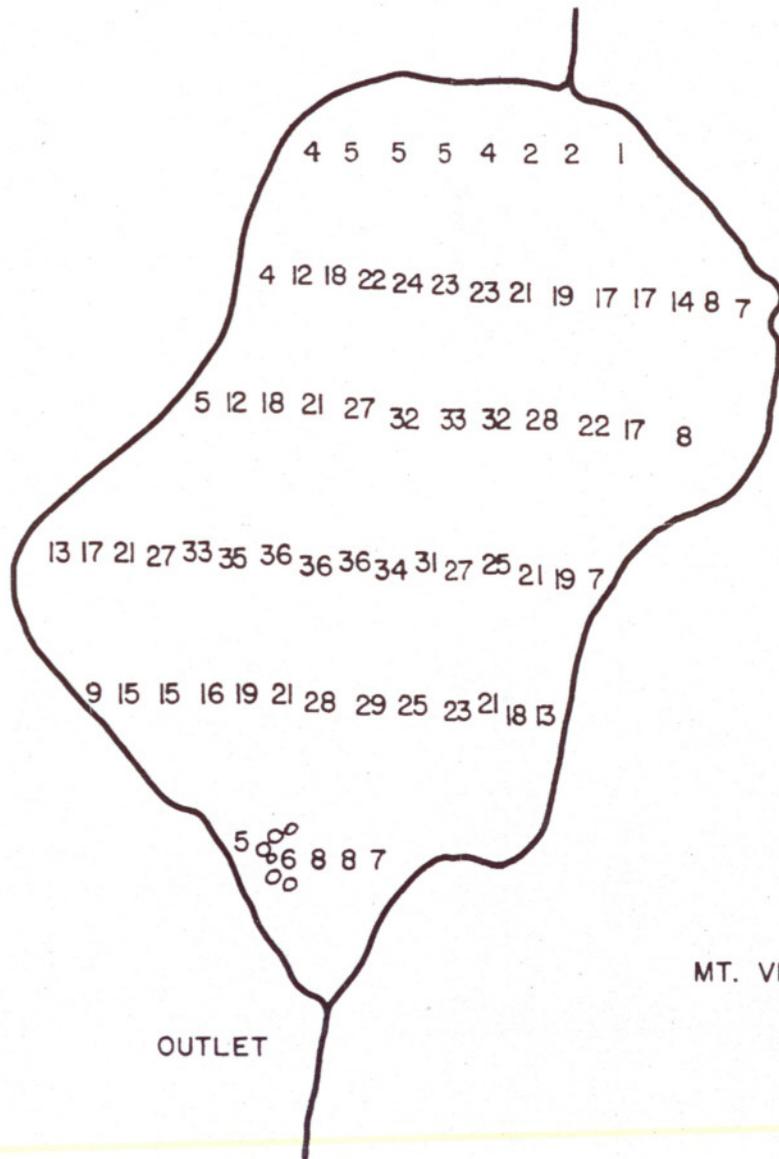
Desert Pond was chemically treated in 1960 and 1967 with rotenone to remove "rough fish" that compete with brook trout. Since the last reclamation, competing species have again reinfested the pond and are affecting survival and growth of the stocked trout. Reclamation is again an option, but a new barrier dam would have to be constructed and the cost of this project would be high.

During a recent sampling operation, a single largemouth bass was captured, probably migrating into the pond over the old barrier dam on the outlet. Should the

bass population become well established, trout will be further compromised. The Department plans to continue the trout stocking program and will monitor the fishery.

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