

WEST RICHARDSON POND

Adamstown Twp., Oxford County
U.S.G.S. Richardson Pond, Maine (7½')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon	Redbelly dace
Brook trout	Blacknose dace
Rainbow smelt	Creek chub
Yellow perch	Fallfish (chub)
Minnnows	Longnose sucker
Lake chub	White sucker
Golden shiner	Hornpout (bullhead)
Common shiner	Slimy sculpin

Physical Characteristics

Area - 423 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 76°F
Maximum depth - 41 feet	35 feet - 47°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

West Richardson Pond is located east of Observatory Mountain on Public Reserve Land. Its main inlet, Deer Mountain Stream, enters the north end of the pond. A short outlet flows southeast into nearby Pepperpot Pond. The pond's shoreline is lightly developed.

Water quality in West Richardson Pond is marginal for coldwater gamefish. During the summer months upper water levels reach critically high temperatures and lower water levels have an oxygen deficiency. Spawning and nursery habitat is utilized by both brook trout and salmon in the pond's inlets. Growth

is generally poor with heavy competition from warmwater fish species. Annual stockings of brook trout are made to supplement the native population and maintain a fishery. A remnant salmon population exists, but provides a very limited fishery.

West Richardson Pond is accessible via a camp road north of Route 16. The pond is open to fishing with artificial lures only in the open water season and closed to fishing during the winter months. See the lawbook for additional regulations.

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