

BENNETT POND
Parkman Twp., Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Guilford, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaresail)
White sucker

Chain pickerel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 36 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 44 feet

Surface - 70° F.

44 feet - 46° F.

Principal Fishery: Brook trout, chain pickerel

The shoreline of Bennett Pond is generally rocky and gravel strewn, while the bottom of the pond is covered with silt and mud. Hardwood forest surrounds the shore.

At the time of the original survey in 1957 no brook trout were found there. The pond was used as a major source of water for the town of Guilford, and the repeated use of copper sulfate for algae control had killed most of the fish and insects that inhabited the shallow water areas.

With the construction of packed gravel wells for Guilford's water supply the applications of copper sulfate ceased, resulting in an increase in the abundance of fish and insect life in Bennett Pond. Presently the pond is held in reserve as a standby water supply; however, it has not been treated with copper sulfate since the early 1960's.

Bennett Pond has suitable water quality to support trout. There is an oxygen deficiency below 20 feet, but the area of cold water above the 20-foot level is quite sufficient to maintain a good trout population.

There is only a limited amount of shallow, weedy areas that provide good pickerel habitat. There are no minnows to serve as a source of food for pickerel. Therefore the pickerel in the pond are rather small in size.

Brook trout were introduced in Bennett Pond in 1965, and have done very well since then. Since there are no inlets to the pond, and the outlet is blocked by a dam, natural trout reproduction is limited to areas of gravel within the pond. Stocking is necessary to maintain trout fishing.

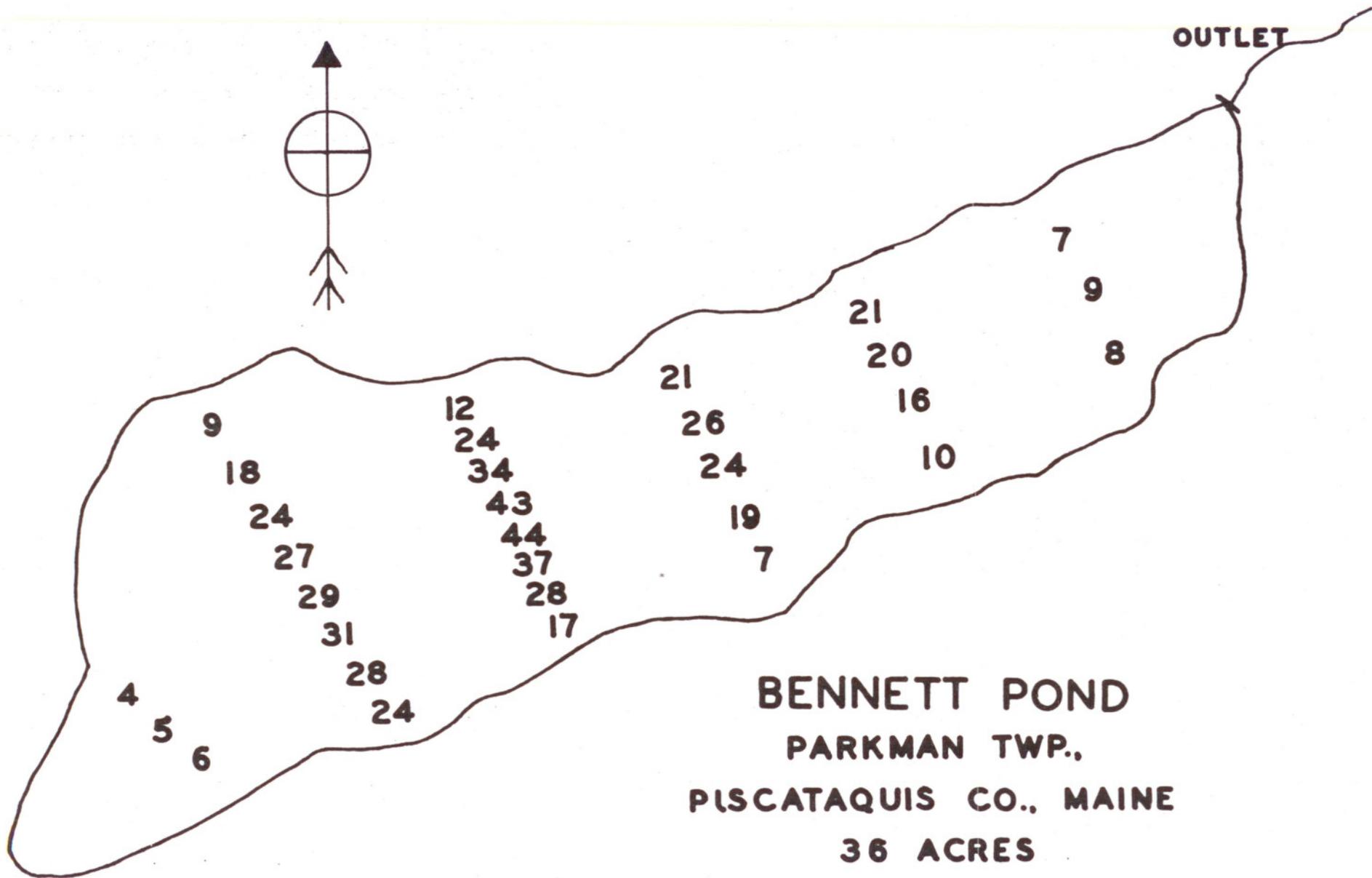
The following regulations are recommended to help prevent the introduction of new species of fish to the pond, and to spread the catch of trout among more anglers:

1. The use or possession of live fish as bait is prohibited.
2. A five-trout bag limit

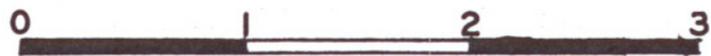
Bennett Pond may easily be reached by car over a gravel road.

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