

MIDDLE FOWLER POND
T5 R9, Piscataquis Co.
U. S. G. S. Traveler Mountain, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows
Golden shiner
Blacknose dace
Redbelly dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 45 acres

Temperatures
Surface - 70° F.
26 feet - 67° F.

Maximum depth - 27 feet

Middle Fowler Pond is an exceptionally picturesque clear-water pond situated high in the mountains of Baxter State Park. This pond has good brook trout water and should be managed for this species. Although the pond is about equal in temperatures from top to bottom, temperatures at this high altitude during the summer months probably never become critical for trout. There is plenty of oxygen at all depths, and trout can range freely for food.

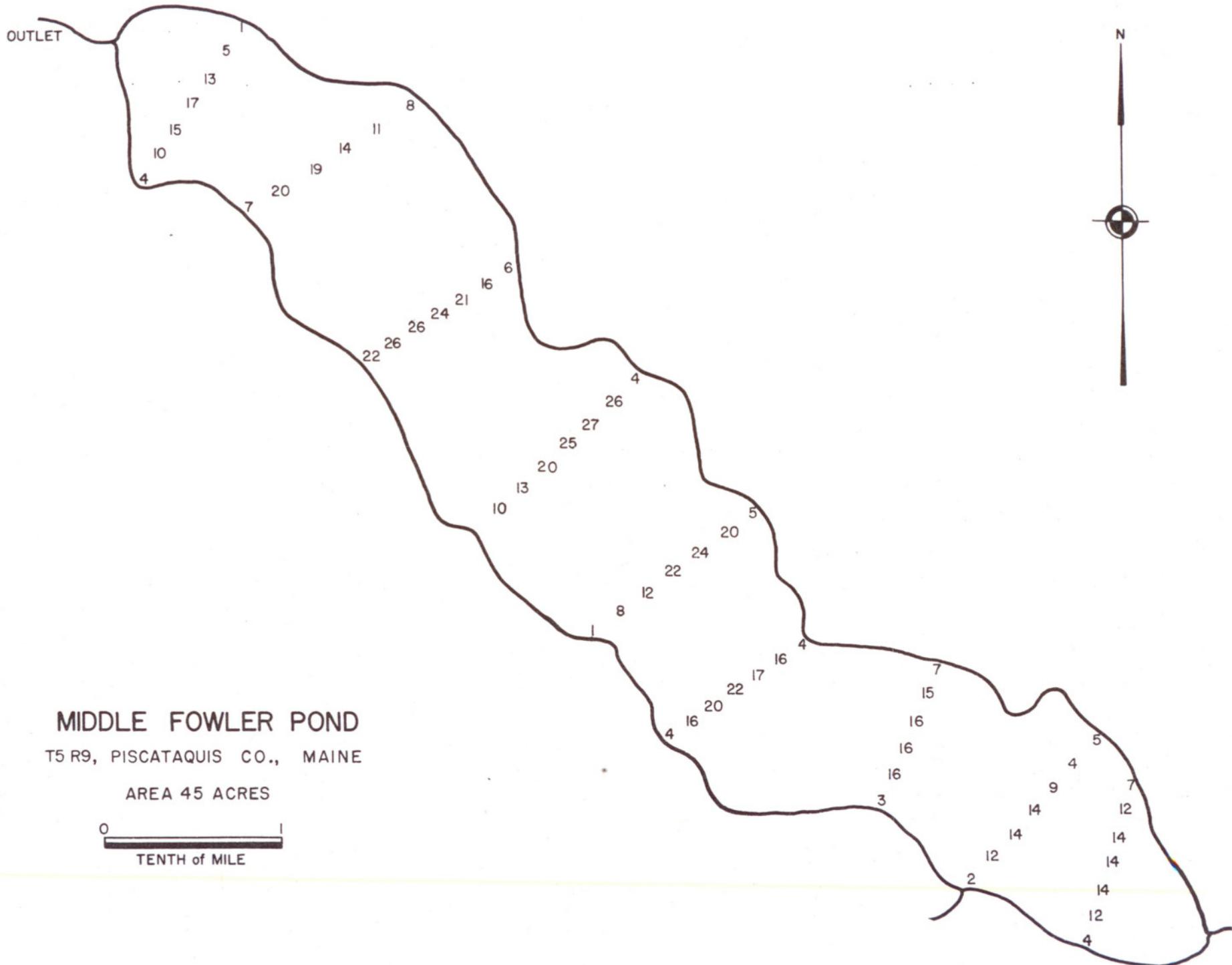
Fish collections made during the survey revealed an abundance of brook trout. Fishermen report fast fishing, especially in the spring and early summer, but often complain about the small size of the trout. Trout growth is slow in the pond, the probable result of a short growing season, an abundance of competing species, and a limited food supply for the large number of trout present.

Successful natural reproduction of trout occurs in spring seepages within the pond. The two small inlets provide little spawning and nursery area for trout, and the outlet flows over a cascading falls that is impassable to trout from below.

Brook trout in the pond are heavily infested with "black spot", the young stage of a parasite that lives as an adult worm in fish-eating birds. The parasite detracts from the appearance of the trout but is harmless to humans.

Surveyed - August, 1960

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OUTLET



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AREA 45 ACRES

