

MATHEWS POND
T8R10, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Beetle Mountain, ME (7 1/2')

FISHES

Brook trout

Minnows

Golden shiner
Blacknose dace
Redbelly dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 19 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 20 feet

Surface - 67°F
20 feet - 52°F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Mathews Pond is excellent trout habitat with cold water and abundant oxygen below 12 feet in late summer.

Mathews Pond contained no trout prior to their introduction in 1959. Trout from the 1959 planting grew at a fast rate, survived well, and provided excellent fishing. Further investigations indicated that the trout failed to spawn successfully because of the scarcity of suitable spawning areas. It has been necessary, therefore, to stock the pond on a periodic basis with hatchery reared trout.

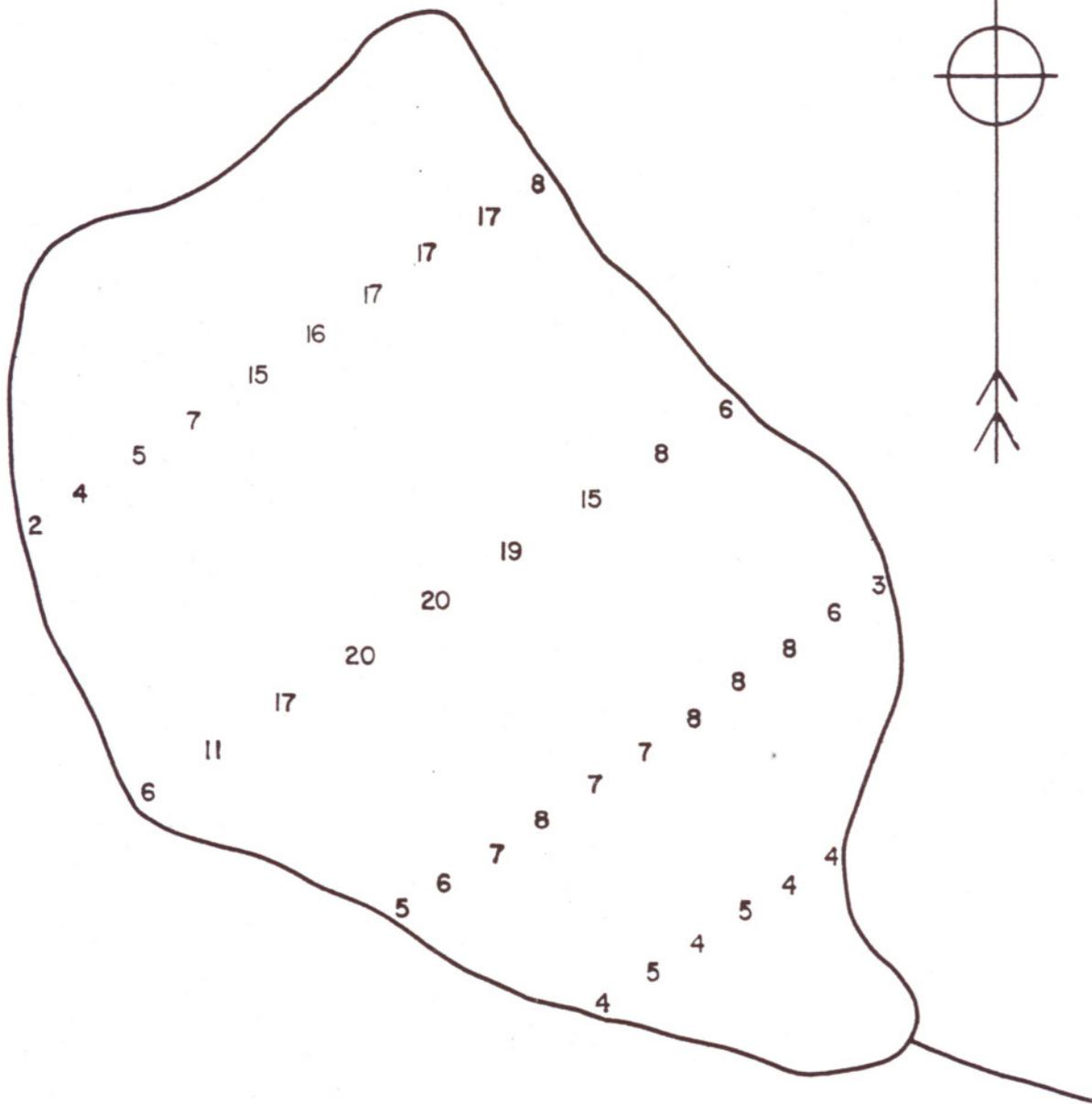
Very conservative sport fishing regulations have been implemented for this pond because of its small size and potential for overharvest, and, also, because of its demonstrated capability to grow trout. Although a regulation to guard against the introduction of additional fish species has been in effect, field investigations in 1990 detected the presence of golden shiners which had not been taken in previous studies. Additional fish species are not desirable because they compete with trout for available food.

A footpath provides access to Mathews Pond from improved gravel roads maintained by large private landowners for forest management purposes.

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OUTLET

T8 RIO, PISCATAQUIS CO.

AREA: 19 ACRES



TENTH OF MILE