

HUTCH POND

Hammond Twp., Somerset Co.

U.S.G.S. Boundary Bald Mtn, ME (7 1/2')

Fishes

Minnows

Finescale dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 11 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 75°F

Maximum depth - 5 feet

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Principal fishery: none

Hutch Pond is a small, shallow pond in the headwaters of the South Branch of the Penobscot River. The forest surrounding the pond is predominantly softwood. Ledge outcrops are present on the northeast shore and the east shore near the outlet. There is a boggy area along the only tributary to Hutch Pond. The pond is very shallow and the entire bottom is covered with a thick layer of organic debris. Submergent vegetation is present throughout the pond.

There is an access trail to the southwest shore of the pond off a logging road.

The only tributary to Hutch Pond contains some suitable habitat for trout spawning. However, at the time of the survey, there was a great deal of beaver activity on the tributary. The outlet also contains suitable spawning habitat for brook trout. No trout were observed in either stream.

It is likely that low numbers of trout are present in Hutch Pond seasonally. An old raft and litter indicate some fishing has occurred here in the past. However, the lack of depth makes Hutch Pond vulnerable to summer and winter kills.

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