

LONG POND
Township D & Township E, Franklin County
U.S.G.S. Houghton, Maine (7½')

Fishes

Brook trout	Minnows
Silver charr	Lake chub
Rainbow smelt	

Physical Characteristics

Area - 254 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 68°F
Maximum depth - 114 feet	95 feet - 42°F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Long pond is the largest pond in the area known as the Four Ponds. It is located to the south of Rangeley. Most of its inlets come in from the outlying ponds. The outlet, Four Ponds Stream, flows west into Bemis Stream. The Appalachian Trail skirts the west shore and continues south along Bates Ridge on the north side of the pond. There are a few camps scattered around the shoreline.

The water quality of Long Pond is good for coldwater gamefish, with deep cold, well-oxygenated water. In 1977, silver charr were introduced and have now become established in deeper areas of the pond. They do not usually compete with brook trout, which prefer a shallower habitat. There are ample rubble shoals for the charr to spawn, but limited areas for the brook trout. Annual stocking is necessary to maintain a brook trout fishery.

Long Pond is reached by a trail off Route 17 or by the Appalachian Trail. The pond is open to fishing, but the use or possession of live fish as bait is prohibited.

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