MINNEHONK LAKE

Mount Vernon Twp., Kennebec Co. U.S.G.S. Readfield and Belgrade Lakes, ME (7.5')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon Minnows Brown trout Golden shiner Brook trout Fallfish (chub) Splake White sucker Rainbow smelt Hornpout (bullhead) Smallmouth bass Burbot (cusk) Pumpkinseed sunfish Largemouth bass Slimy sculpin Yellow perch Chain pickerel American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 99 acres Temperatures Surface - 71° F Maximum depth - 73 feet 71 feet - 43° F

Principal fisheries: Splake, brook trout, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass

Minnehonk Lake is located in the picturesque village of Mount Vernon. Minnehonk Lake is part of a large lake system that comprises a major subdrainage of the Androscoggin River. Small boats can be launched at a town landing located in the center of the village. Shore fishing opportunities are available along Route 41, which borders much of the lake's west shore. Winter anglers can access the lake from Route 41 as well.

Minnehonk Lake has a large volume of water capable of supporting a variety of coldwater fishes. Coldwater fishery management currently emphasizes splake. Splake, a brook trout/lake trout hybrid, were introduced in 1981 and now support a popular fishery, particularly during the winter. Brook trout are also stocked annually, but their contribution to the lake fishery appears marginal. Salmon and brown trout from stockings made in adjacent lakes are occasionally caught at Minnehonk.

In addition to the popular coldwater species, Minnehonk Lake supports fine populations of smallmouth and largemouth bass.

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