

TAYLOR POND

Mount Vernon Twp., Kennebec Co. U.S.G.S. Fayette, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Smallmouth bass Largemouth bass Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner Common shiner Fallfish (chub) White sucker Hornpout (bullhead) Pumpkinseed sunfish American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 66 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 76°F

Maximum depth - 15 feet

14 feet - 67°F

Principal fisheries: Smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, chain pickerel

Taylor Pond is a small shallow pond located at the lower end of Hopkins Stream. Water levels are maintained by the dam located a few hundred feet above Echo Lake. Without this dam, the pond would be just a wide spot in the stream.

The habitat of Taylor Pond is considered ideal for chain pickerel and largemouth bass with a mud-sand bottom providing extensive areas of abundant aquatic vegetation. These areas provide cover for large fish to ambush prey while providing protection for young fish.

Historically, white perch were restricted from moving upstream of Echo Lake by the dam at Taylor Pond. Although this dam remains a barrier to fish passage, white perch have since been found in waters farther upstream.

A boat launch is maintained on the southeast side of the pond, near the dam and across from the 'chimney'.

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