

MANHANOCK (NORTHWEST) & HARLOW PONDS

Sangerville and Parkman Twps., Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Guilford, Sangerville, Me. (7 ½)

Fishes

Brook trout Rainbow smelt Smallmouth bass Largemouth bass White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner Common shiner Pearl dace White sucker Hornpout (bullhead) Pumpkinseed sunfish Slimy sculpin American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 595 acres

Maximum depth - 36 feet

Temperatures: Surface - 69⁰F 35 feet - 51⁰F

Principal fisheries: Smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel

Manhanock and Harlow Ponds are managed as one body of water. Fish pass freely under a bridge on the causeway that separates the ponds.

Most of the area is shallow and ideal habitat for warmwater species. Coldwater habitat is restricted to a few deep areas; however, the deep areas are deficient in dissolved oxygen.

Brook trout occur in the tributaries to Manhanock and Harlow Ponds. Trout are occasionally caught in the ponds but their numbers are limited by water quality and competition White perch were introduced in the 1950's, smallmouth bass in the 1970's, and largemouth bass became established in the 1990's.

The ponds provide a popular fishery for white perch for boat anglers and for shore anglers from the causeway. Pickerel and the two basses provide summer-long fishing. The ponds are open to ice fishing.

Access to Manhanock Pond is provided at a State constructed boat ramp off Rt. 23 in Sangerville. Access to the causeway between Manhanock Pond and Harlow Pond is from a road off Rt. 150 in Parkman.

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