

RUSSELL POND  
T4 R9, Piscataquis Co.  
U.S.G.S. Katahdin, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 20 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 6 feet

Surface - 71° F.

5 feet - 66° F.

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Russell Pond is situated in the middle of Baxter State Park within good view of the surrounding mountains.

Although the pond is very rocky and quite shallow with a muddy bottom, water quality conditions are excellent for supporting trout. The outlet, blocked by beaver dams, provides only fair spawning and nursery areas. The good population of brook trout in the pond is probably maintained by spawning areas within the pond. With no competing species of fish and an abundance of aquatic insects available as food, this is an ideal trout pond.

Russell Pond can be reached only by foot trails, either 7 miles north from Roaring Brook campground, or 9½ miles south from South Branch Pond campground. There is an excellent campground on the west shore for those willing to pack in their own food and equipment. A trail leads around the north edge of the pond, and the many boulders along the shore provide good fishing spots. Canoes may also be rented at the campsite. Here is an excellent opportunity to catch a pan full of trout for breakfast.

It is not uncommon to see moose feeding in the shallow waters of Russell Pond, and as they are undisturbed by the presence of campers one has a good chance to get some fine pictures.

The existing park regulations limiting the catch to five fish and prohibiting the use or possession of live fish for bait are sufficient to protect the pond.

Surveyed - August, 1969

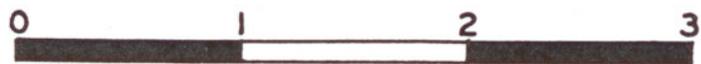
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