

CRATER POND  
TB R11, Piscataquis County  
U.S.G.S. Jo Mary Mountain, Maine

Fishes

None

Physical Characteristics

Area — 15 acres

Temperatures

Surface — 68°F

Maximum depth — 25 feet

25 feet — 65°F

Principal Fishery: None

Crater Pond is a very picturesque pond nestled into the top of Saddleback Mountain north of Katahdin Iron Works. A dense forest of dwarfed windblown spruce and fir borders the south and west shores, while a steep ledge overlooks the north shore. Boulders and ledge material make up the jagged shoreline, and the pond drops off quickly to a muddy, algae covered bottom. The east shore in front of the outlet is shallow and rocky. The outlet flows underground for 200 yards before surfacing on the north slope of Saddleback Mountain.

Crater Pond's geographic location combined with its acid, blue-tinted clear water make this a very unique pond. It appears to be an unproductive pond as no fish and very few invertebrates were observed. Plant life was very limited consisting primarily of algae.

Crater Pond's acidity and sterility make this pond incapable of supporting any fish populations. It is recommended that this pond be left in its unique natural state.

A logging road leading north from Katahdin Iron Works crosses the outlet of Crater Pond. A fairly strenuous 1½ hour hike following the outlet is required to reach this picturesque pond.

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