

EAST MUSQUASH LAKE

Topsfield, Washington Co.
U.S.G.S. Farrow Mountain, ME

FISHES

Landlocked salmon	Minnnows
Lake trout	Fallfish
Brook trout	Blacknose dace
Rainbow smelt	White sucker
Smallmouth bass	Hornpout (bullhead)
White perch	Burbot (cusk)
Yellow perch	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Chain pickerel	American eel

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Area: 806 acres

Temperature:

Surface - 69°F.

60 feet - 50°F.

Maximum depth: 62 feet

Principal Fishery: Landlocked salmon, Lake trout, Smallmouth bass

East Musquash is a very picturesque lake. Route 6 in Topsfield follows the south shore. There are several camps along that shore as well as a DOT rest area. The rest of the lake is undeveloped and surrounded by a mixed-growth forest. The shoreline is rocky except for a couple gravel beaches on the south shore.

The lake has a oxygen deficiency in the deeper water. Despite this, a good fishery exists for landlocked salmon, lake trout, and smallmouth bass. A water storage dam at the outlet was removed in 1969. In 1970, boulders and gravel fill were placed into the outlet at the former dam site, thereby creating a gently

sloping stream bed easily negotiable by fish. Unhindered migration of salmon is essential, as the outlet contains a substantial amount of excellent spawning and nursery habitat. Of the several brooks emptying into the lake, only one Flood Brook, is suitable for salmon and trout spawning. This brook is also utilized to a significant extent by smelts on their annual spawning runs.

East Musquash Lake provides a good fishery for landlocked salmon, lake trout, and smallmouth bass. The lake trout and smallmouth bass are a self-sustaining populations. However, due to competition of the various warmwater species landlocked salmon are stocked to supplement the naturally produced salmon.

Boat access is public at the DOT rest area on Route 6 in Topsfield. It has a gravel launch and is two-wheel-drive accessible.

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