

ESTES LAKE

Sanford and Alfred Twps., York Co., Me.
U.S.G.S. Alfred, Me., (7.5')

Access to Estes Lake is available only by permissive trespass, since there is not a public access site. Purchasing and developing public access to this pond is a priority of this department.

Fishes

Smallmouth bass
Largemouth bass
White perch
Yellow perch
Chain pickerel
Minnows
Golden shiner

Blacknose dace
White sucker
Hornpout (bullhead)
Black crappie
Pumpkinseed sunfish
American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 387 acres

Temperatures:

Maximum depth - 30 feet

Surface - 78°F
26 feet - 70°F

Principal fisheries: Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel and black crappie

Estes Lake, located west of Sanford, is an impoundment formed on the Mousam River by the "New Dam". In the past, fluctuating water levels from the hydro facility, made it difficult to manage for warmwater fish species. A new agreement with the dam owner eliminates much of the water level variations.

Excellent angling opportunities now exist for bass, crappies, perch and pickerel. An abundance of small minnows and perch provide a good forage base for the crappies, bass and pickerel. Any species of fish stocked upstream in the Mousam River or in Mousam Lake is apt to drop down into this lake. However, the lack of sufficient cool, well-oxygenated water in the impoundment precludes any coldwater fishery management.

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