PLEASANT POND

Turner Twp., Androscoggin County U.S.G.S. Livermore, Maine

Fishes

Brook Trout
Rainbow smelt
Smallmouth bass
Yellow perch
Chain pickerel
Minnows

Golden shiner
White sucker
Hornpout (bullhead)
Redbreast sunfish
Pumpkinseed sunfish
American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 192 acres

Temperatures
Surface - 76°F
64 feet - 44°F

Maximum depth - 68 feet

64 feet - 44°

Principal fisheries: Brook trout, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel

Pleasant Pond, which drains into Martin Stream via Lively Brook, is one of the most popular fishing spots in the Turner area. Anglers can access Pleasant Pond via a boat launch located near the outlet.

Superior water quality makes this pond well suited for coldwater fisheries management. An experimental salmon stocking program was conducted from 1970 to 1978. Poor growth and poor returns to anglers resulted in the termination of the salmon program in 1979. Since 1981, Pleasant Pond has been managed for brook trout. The trout program has provided a more attractive fishery than that realized from the salmon stockings. Since the pond lacks sufficient spawning and nursery habitat for wild production of trout, and because fishing pressure is heavy, trout are stocked annually to maintain the fishery.

Pleasant Pond offers ample opportunities for the warmwater fisherman. Smallmouth bass, pickerel, and yellow perch are the most prevalent species and provide good action for both ice and open water anglers.

Anglers can assist the Department in monitoring Pleasant Pond's sport fisheries by recording the results of their fishing trips. Booklets suitable for maintaining a fishing diary can be obtained free of charge from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Fisheries Division, 284 State St. Sta. #41, Augusta, Maine 04333.

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