

BEAVER TAIL POND

T14 R9, T14 R10, Aroostook County
U.S.G.S. Gardner Pond, Maine (7 1/2')

FISHES

Brook trout	Finescale dace
Yellow perch	Blacknose dace
Minnows	Creek chub
Common shiner	Pearl dace
Blacknose shiner	White sucker

Physical Characteristics

Area - 102 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 71°F
Maximum depth - 51 feet	45 feet - 45°F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Beaver Tail Pond has physical and chemical characteristics suitable for brook trout. Reports from fishermen indicate catches have been infrequent and the trout have been small. Brook trout are known to be abundant in the outlet near its confluence with Big Brook.

The upper one-third of the pond is shallow with a soft mud bottom. The rest of the pond drops off quickly from shore into deep water which stratifies into warm and cold layers during the summer. Dissolved oxygen is adequate except near bottom in the deepest water during late summer.

One of the most serious factors limiting trout production in this pond is an over-abundance of yellow perch and

several species of large minnows. These fish are serious competitors with trout for food and space. Trout production may also be limited by the absence of suitable nursery and spawning areas.

There are no true inlets but some spring seepage areas are in evidence along the shore. Trout are often able to utilize such areas and spawn successfully when there are no suitable tributaries.

The outlet, at least for one-half mile below the pond, is considered poor as trout spawning and nursery area. A series of old beaver dams prevents free migration for trout at most water levels and has caused the channel to divide into several smaller, exposed channels.

Access to Beaver Tail Pond is provided by gravel logging roads built and maintained for forest management purposes. A deteriorating spur road necessitates the use of a four wheel drive vehicle to reach the foot path that leads to the pond.

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OUTLET

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102 ACRES



TENTHS OF MILE

