

MONSON POND

Fort Fairfield, Aroostook County
U.S.G.S. Easton Center, Me. (7½')

Fishes

Brook trout	Pearl dace
Rainbow smelt	Longnose sucker
Minnows	White sucker
Golden shiner	Threespine stickleback
Redbelly dace	Ninespine stickleback
Creek chub	

Physical Characteristics

Area – 160 acres	Temperatures:
	Surface - 72°F
	14 feet - 71°F

Maximum depth – 15 feet
Mean depth – 8 feet

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

Monson Pond is a large, shallow, productive pond in Eastern Aroostook County. A chemical reclamation was unsuccessful in 1958 in eliminating the many competing species that reduce brook trout production. Brook trout are currently stocked to sustain a sport fishery, but some naturally produced trout also contribute to the fishery. Cool springs and tributaries provide refuge during summer months when water temperatures become warm. The tributaries have little spawning habitat for brook trout. Rainbow smelt were introduced during the mid

1980s, to provide a sport fishery for smelt and a bait source for anglers.

A small, low-head dam on the outlet maintains lake water levels about 3 feet above normal. This dam was reconstructed during 2001. Some of the earliest open water fishing activity in this region occurs near the outlet where anglers can wet a line from shore.

Conservative fishing regulations are in place to distribute the catch of trout among anglers. Public access is available at an improved boat landing on the Northeast corner of the Pond near the Frontier Fish and Game clubhouse.

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