## WYTOPITLOCK LAKE

Glenwood Plt., and T2 R4 W, Aroostook Co. U.S.G.S. Wytopitlock Lake, ME (7½')

## Fishes

Rainbow smelt Smallmouth bass White perch

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Chain pickerel Minnows

Common shiner

Blacknose dace

Creek chub

Fallfish

White sucker

Bullhead (hornpout) Pumpkinseed sunfish

American eel

## Physical characteristics

Area - 1,152 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 72°F.

Maximum depth – 24 feet

22 feet - 72°F.

Principal fisheries: Smallmouth bass

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Wytopitlock Lake is mostly surrounded by spruce fir forest. The shoreline is predominantly rocky except for a wetland area around the inlet at the north end of the lake. There are very few camps scattered around the lake.

Although the water quality is very good for the production of warmwater fish species a large

population of smelts has become established from an introduction of smelt eggs by IF&W in 1992. Smelts have provided excellent forage for the bass and white perch in the lake and the tributaries are open for the dipping of smelts.

Smelt eggs were introduced into Orcutt Brook which provides good spawning habitat for smelts and supports a large run of smelts in the spring. It is not known if smelts utilize other tributaries to the lake. None of the tributaries provide habitat for the support of brook trout or salmon. There is a seasonal fishery for brook trout in the outlet, Wytopitlock Stream, downstream from the lake.

The lake will continue to be managed for its warmwater game fish species and the status of the smelt population will be closely monitored.

The Bureau of Parks and Recreation owns and maintains a boat launching facility in the outlet cove. The cove is very shallow and rocky and care must be exercised when operating a boat in this cove. The outlet adjacent to the launching site is the start of a popular canoe trip down Wytopitlock Stream.

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