## **COLD RAIN POND**

Naples Twp., Cumberland Co. U.S.G.S. North Sebago, Me. (7.5')

## Fishes

Brook trout Rainbow smelt Yellow perch Chain pickerel White sucker Hornpout (bullhead) Pumpkinseed sunfish

## **Physical Characteristics**

Area - 38 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 79°F

Maximum depth - 36 feet

30 feet - 46°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

Cold Rain Pond is rather unique for southern Maine. Despite its proximity to several larger communities, the surrounding areas are largely undeveloped and only one small camp is located along the entire shoreline. This setting is more characteristic of a remote, northern trout pond.

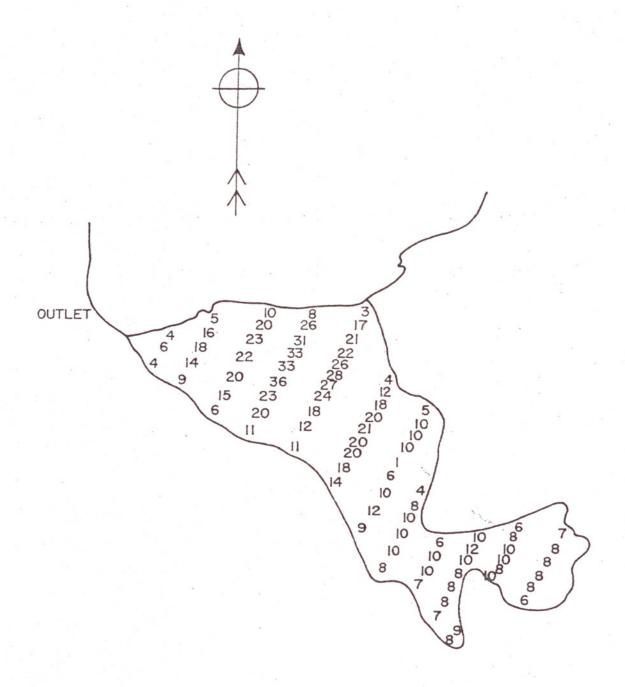
Cold Rain Pond thermally stratifies each summer and contains a sufficient volume of cold, oxygenated water suitable for brook trout management. The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife began stocking brook trout in 1990. The pond has no suitable tributaries for brook trout spawning and nursery habitat, and annual stocking is required to maintain a viable trout fishery.

Competition and predation by warmwater fish currently limits the full potential of the trout fishery. Legal-sized trout are stocked each spring to reduce predation and increase angler returns. In addition, Cold Rain has also been stocked in the fall with legal-size fall fingerlings and fall yearling brook trout since 1997, which has created a popular winter fishery.

There is a traditional, carry-in access site located off the Tiger Hill Road, but this property is privately owned and access is limited to permissive trespass. This water has the potential to produce a high quality brook trout fishery; however, the somewhat tenuous access situation prevents us from pursuing more intensive fishery management.

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