

TRICKEY POND Naples Twp., Cumberland Co. U.S.G.S. Naples, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon Lake trout (togue) Brook trout Splake Rainbow smelt Smallmouth bass Largemouth bass Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner White sucker Hornpout (bullhead) Banded killifish Pumpkinseed sunfish Slimy sculpin American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 311 acres

Maximum Depth - 55 feet

Temperatures: Surface - 77°F 55 feet - 50°F

Principal fisheries: Landlocked salmon, smallmouth bass

Trickey Pond is a unique water that is located between Sebago and Long Lakes. It has two outlets, one manmade and the other natural, both flow a short distance and empty into the Muddy River Bay of Sebago Lake. The natural outlet flows continuously in spite of Trickey Pond's small watershed, which indicates that this water probably has some very active springs. This pond is managed for both coldwater and warmwater fish species.

This water has exceptional water clarity with late summer secchi disc readings that are typically close to forty feet. Each summer this water thermally stratifies, and an oxygen deficiency develops in waters deeper than 45 feet. Trickey Pond is quite small by Maine standards, and yet it produces a high quality landlocked salmon fishery. Brook trout are also stocked and provide another popular coldwater fishery. Both of these fisheries are maintained by routine stocking, because Trickey Pond has limited spawning habitat for these species. Splake, a male brook trout and female lake trout cross, are stocked and initial results appear to be positive.

In the past, this water had a high population of yellow perch, and a few large chain pickerel were present. However, these two species all but disappeared when lake trout became well established under a stocking program, and the newly introduced smallmouth bass population skyrocketed. A short time later, the lake trout fishery began to falter and was eventually discontinued in 1992. It is suspected that the deep dwelling, adult smallmouth bass heavily preyed upon newly stocked spring yearling lake trout. This water now supports an exceptional smallmouth bass fishery.

Trickey Pond currently lacks a good public access, and it is a high priority water on the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's access list. A private, traditional access exists at the northern end of the pond a short distance off Lake House Road.

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