

WOODS POND

Bridgton Twp., Cumberland, Co. U.S.G.S. Bridgton, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brown trout Minnows
Rainbow smelt Common shiner
Smallmouth bass Fallfish (chub)
Largemouth bass White sucker
White perch Hornpout (bullhead)
Yellow perch Pumpkinseed sunfish
Chain pickerel American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 442 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 72°F

Maximum depth - 29 feet 25 feet - 63°F

Principal fisheries: Brown trout, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel

Woods Pond is a long, narrow pond located southeast of the town of Bridgton. Its shorelines are moderately developed with camps and year round homes. The pond is relatively shallow and its weedy shorelines provide good habitat for warmwater fish species.

Smallmouth bass were introduced by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in 1952. Smallmouths have established a self-sustaining population and a few nice fish are taken by anglers each year. Spawning, nursery, and adult habitat for smallmouth bass is limited and the MDIFW introduced largemouth bass in 1961 for better utilization of the existing habitat. They are now self-sustaining and a good fishery exists. Pickerel and white perch provide additional angling opportunities.

Woods Pond thermally stratifies each summer, and depending on the year little to no cool, oxygenated water is available for salmonid management. The large number of competing warmwater fish species further limits the potential for coldwater fisheries management. Yet, interest exists for a coldwater fishery, so a brown trout stocking program was initiated using large, fall stocked fish. These fish are available for winter and spring angling and occasionally a few larger holdovers are caught by anglers. In addition, unscheduled landlocked salmon of catchable size are stocked periodically in the fall for winter anglers.

A town owned boat ramp is located at the southern end of the pond off Rout 117. This launch is suitable for small trailered boats and a small parking area is located across from the ramp.

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