

PUGHOLE POND
T41 MD, Hancock Co.
U.S.G.S. Nicasious Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)	White sucker
White perch	Minnows
Yellow perch	Blacknose dace
Chain pickerel	Fallfish
Smelt	Banded killifish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 70 acres	Temperatures
Maximum depth - 18 feet	Surface - 71° F.
	18 feet - 69° F.

Pughole Pond is a small but extremely picturesque little pond located in the Machias River drainage in remote northeast Hancock County. It receives the flow from Upper Sabao Lake which lies just about a good stone's-throw upstream. In our opinion the easiest way to get to Pughole is to fly into Upper Sabao and then walk down in to Pughole. You cannot drive to either lake with anything short of a bulldozer or tractor.

We have to define Pughole as a marginal brook trout pond. Temperatures are right on the verge of being unsatisfactory for trout, and several warmwater game fish are present. Trout are reportedly caught from Pughole, but in our opinion these are most likely fish that have dropped down from Upper Sabao during cool seasons and are not permanent residents of the lake. We took no trout in our fish collection work at the pond.

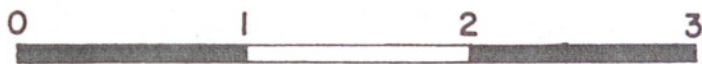
At the present time we do not recommend trout stocking at Pughole. We do anticipate a seasonal trout fishery through dropdowns from Upper Sabao. If the huge, old, driving dam presently blocking the outlet a few hundred yards below Pughole were blasted out, contributions to the anticipated seasonal fishery might be increased through migration of trout up into the pond from the outlet. The outlet is cold and springy.



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70 ACRES



TENTHS OF MILE

