

RIFT POND

Great Pond Twp., Hancock Co.
U.S.G.S. Great Pond, ME(7 1/2')

Fishes

Brown trout	Minnows(con'd)
Brook trout	Fallfish(chub)
Rainbow smelt	White sucker
Minnows	Hornpout(bullhead)
Golden shiner	Banded killifish
Common shiner	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Creek chub	American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area- 126 acres	Temperatures
	Surface- 72°F
Maximum depth- 34 feet	30 feet- 51°F

Principal Fishery: Brook trout, brown trout

Rift Pond is a picturesque, wilderness-type pond with no shoreline development. It's the lowermost in a chain of three ponds. A barrier dam on the outlet prevents movement of unwanted warmwater sportfish into the pond. You can drive fairly close to the pond over a very rough "woods" road, or you can paddle a canoe across King Pond and then float your canoe down the short outlet directly into Rift.

This pond is a consistent producer of modest numbers of 2-4 pound brook trout. The fishery was formerly sustained by annual stockings of spring yearlings coupled with wild fish. The

wild fish are produced in a small tributary, in a small brook which flows into the outlet within 1/4 mile of the pond, and in gravelly, springy areas within the pond. It was decided to cease stockings of brook trout in favor of the wild fish. In an effort to establish a quality fishery, very restrictive harvest regulations are in effect; consult your lawbook for details. The brook trout fishery will be augmented by a limited brown trout fishery based upon drop-downs from King Pond.

Growth rate of brook trout is very good-excellent. The pond supports an abundant crayfish population which constitute one of the mainstays, along with smelt and juvenile sunfish, of trout diets.

Surveyed-August, 1942

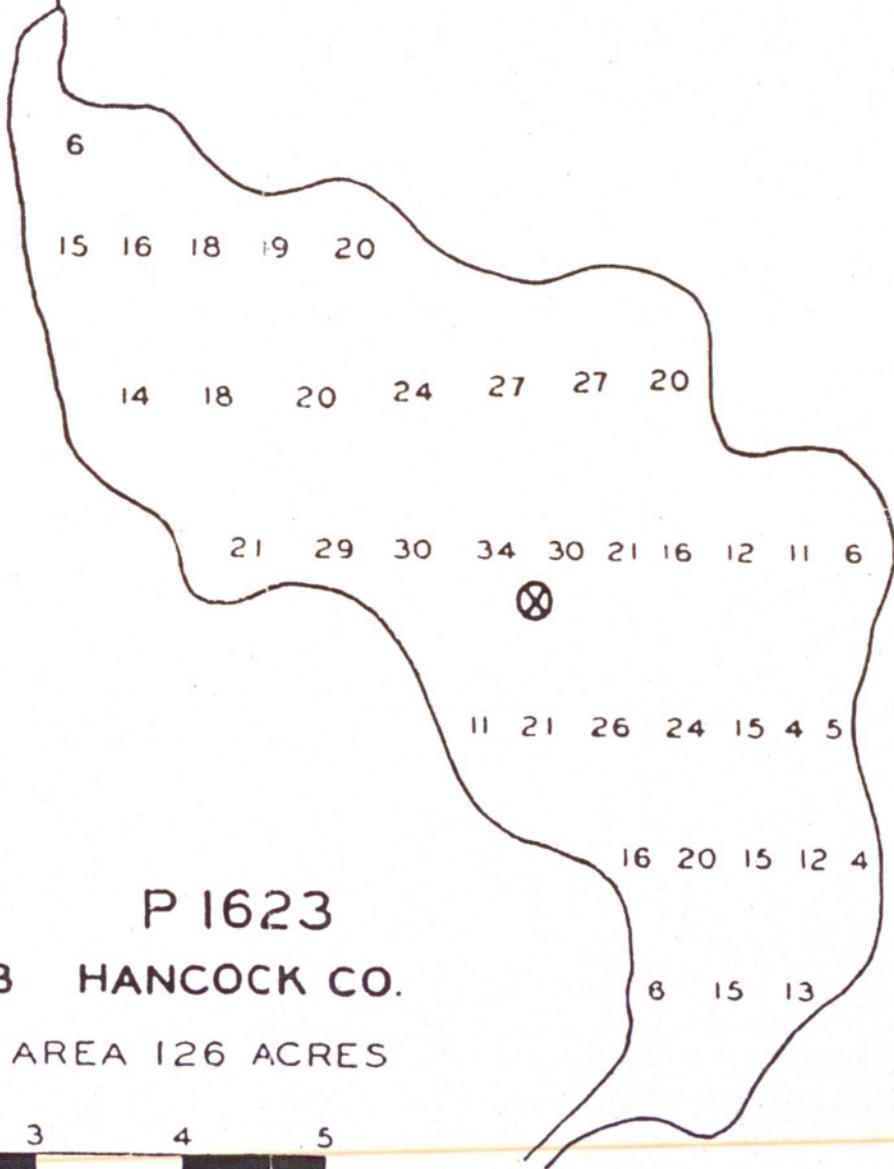
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(OUTLET)



RIFT POND P 1623
PLANTATION NO. 33 HANCOCK CO.

ELEV. 366 FT. AREA 126 ACRES

