

SALMON POND
T10 SD, Hancock Co.
U.S.G.S., Tunk Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaresail)
Smelt

Minnows
Golden shiner

Physical Characteristics

Area - 10 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 35 feet

Surface - 67° F.
35 feet - 45° F.

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Salmon Pond is a small pond located in the picturesque hill country of T10 SD. It can be reached within 15 or 20 minutes via a foot trail which begins at the extreme western end of Spring River Lake. The trail is sufficiently wide and clear to enable anglers to carry in a canoe.

The pond's shoreline consists mostly of hardwood species with some spruce, red pine and white pine interspersed. There are no camps on the pond to mar the wilderness atmosphere. A scenic view of Tunk Mountain awaits those anglers from the middle of the pond. Although most of the pond is fairly deep, some shoal areas with large underwater boulders are found in the eastern section. The outlet is small and contains no suitable trout spawning habitat. Because the water quality analysis indicated that the pond would be suitable for brook trout, an experimental stocking program utilizing fall fingerlings was instituted in 1977. The pond was revisited during the 1978 field season to evaluate this initial stocking. Results indicated that survival of stocked trout was satisfactory and growth was excellent. Stomach analysis revealed that the trout were feeding on a variety of organisms including smelts, shiners, leeches, dragonfly nymphs and newts.

Angler reports indicate that fishing was good in the spring of 1979. This pond should provide some fine trout fishing as long as it is not overfished. It is strongly believed that the current general law regulations, both summer and winter, at this very small pond are inadequate to protect the trout population. It is a well-documented fact that such populations in ponds under 50 acres are extremely vulnerable to overfishing. It has been proposed that Salmon Pond be closed to ice fishing.

Further restrictive regulations may become necessary in the future to maintain the quality of the trout fishery.

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