WEBBER POND Vassalboro Twp., Kennebec Co. U.S.G.S. Vassalboro, Me

Fishes

Brown trout
Rainbow smelt
Smallmouth bass
Largemouth bass
White perch
Yellow perch
Chain pickerel
Minnows

Fallfish (chub)
White sucker
Hornpout (bullhead)
Banded killifish
Redbreast sunfish
Pumpkinseed sunfish
American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 1,201 acres

Temperatures Surface - 72°F

Maximum depth - 41 feet

40 feet - 52°F

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

Webber Pond is the largest and lowermost pond in the Seven Mile Stream drainage. The town of Vassalboro maintains a boat launch and parking area at the outlet for use by the public.

The shallow, weedy nature of Webber Pond makes it well suited for warmwater gamefishes. The pond is well known by local anglers for producing trophy size largemouth bass. Webber Pond also provides good fishing for smallmouth bass, white perch, and chain pickerel. Coldwater fishery management at Webber emphasizes brown trout. Annual stockings of hatchery-reared browns are necessary to sustain this fishery because the pond and its tributaries lack sufficient spawning and nursery ares for natural reproduction.

Webber Pond has long been plagued with severe algal blooms. Recently the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, in conjunction with local and federal agencies, completed a water quality restoration project. The project involved reconstruction of the outlet dam, stabilization of eroding shoreline areas, and implementation of erosion control practices on certain farms in the watershed. All elements of the project were designed to control excessive algal growth by reducing the level of nutrients in the pond. Improved water quality should benefit Webber's brown trout and smelt populations.

Anglers can assist the Department in monitoring Webber Pond's fisheries by recording the results of their fishing trips in a diary. Booklets suitable for maintaining a diary can be obtained free of charge from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in Augusta, Maine.

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