Back Pond Stoneham Twp., Oxford Co. U.S.G.S. North Waterford Me. (7 1/2')

## Fishes

Brook trout Smallmouth bass White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner Pumpkinseed sunfish

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 62 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 78°F
Maximum depth - 32 feet	32 feet - 46°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout, smallmouth bass

Back Pond, one of the Five Kezars, is located in the southeast corner of Stoneham. The Five Kezars are a cluster of small ponds which are the headwaters of the Kezar River. Recent water quality studies show that Back Pond has the potential to support brook trout. The presence of warmwater fish species, including the recent introduction of white perch, severely restricts trout growth. These fish compete with the trout for both food and space. There is no evidence of trout naturally reproducing in this pond; The fishery is maintained with annual stockings.

Smallmouth bass require structure such as stumps, rockpiles, etc., to enhance survival of their young and to produce an abundant population. Back Pond's lack of structure limits the potential of the bass, but this pond should continue to provide a fair fishery for smallmouths.

Back Pond is open to fishing both summer and winter with special regulations in effect. Anglers should consult their lawbook before fishing.

A carry-in site, located on Mud Pond along Lovell Road, provides access to Back Pond. Small boats or canoes must be used to negotiate the shallow thoroughfares into Back Pond.

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AREA 62 ACRES

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