



MIDAS # 3464
BRYANT POND

WOODSTOCK AND GREENWOOD TWP.s.,

OXFORD CO., MAINE

278 ACRES



TENTHS OF MILE

BRYANT POND
(Christopher Lake)
Greenwood & Woodstock Twps., Oxford Co.
U.S.G.S. Bryant Pond, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon
Brook trout
Splake
Rainbow smelt
Chain pickerel

Minnows
Golden shiner
White sucker
Burbot (cusk)
American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 278 acres

Maximum depth - 63 feet

Temperatures:

Surface - 77°F

58 feet - 50°F

Principal fisheries: Landlocked salmon, brook trout, splake, rainbow smelt

Bryant Pond is a popular pond amongst anglers of central Oxford County. Its mixture of rocky and sandy shoreline is moderately developed, but it still offers some nice hillside views. This water is managed for several coldwater fish species.

Bryant Pond thermally stratifies each summer, and a band of cool, oxygenated water exists for salmonid management. Brown trout were stocked by the Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife until the late 1960's, but discontinued after the pond was chemically reclaimed in 1969. After reclamation, MDIFW wanted to establish a landlocked salmon, brook trout, and smelt fishery. Smelts were introduced by MDIFW in 1970, and the pond's smelt population now supports a salmonid fishery, a winter hand-line fishery, and a spring dip-net fishery. A relatively small number of salmon are stocked annually due to the small size of the water. Brook trout are also stocked each spring to provide some additional angling. Limited spawning and nursery habitat exists for these two species and annual stocking is required to maintain these fisheries. In the late 1980's, the MDIFW began stocking splake, a cross between a female lake trout and a male brook trout. These fish have exhibited good growth and are popular among winter anglers.

Cusk were discovered in the early 1990's and it is too early to determine if this illegal introduction will adversely impact the existing fisheries. Also, it remains to be seen whether or not a good cusk fishery will develop.

A public boat ramp is located off Rowe Hill Road next to the outlet.

Surveyed - 1940

(Revised - 1953, and 1998)

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Funded in part by the Federal Aid in Restoration Act under

Federal Project F-28-P

L3464A