

## FOREST POND

Canton Twp., Oxford  
U.S.G.S. Canton, ME (7.5')

### Fishes

Brook trout	Chain pickerel
Smallmouth bass	Hornpout (bullhead)
Largemouth bass	Redbreast sunfish
Yellow perch	Pumpkinseed sunfish

### Physical Characteristics

Area - 45 acres	Temperatures:
	Surface - 78°F
Maximum depth - 23 feet	23 feet - 63°F

Principal fisheries: brook trout, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, chain pickerel

Forest Pond is a small, remote pond with no development. Its rocky shoreline has several rock bluffs, which are commonly used by campers.

Largemouth bass and smallmouth bass were introduced by the MDIFW in the late 1940's and early 1950's. Both species are now self-sustaining populations. Smallmouth bass are providing an excellent fishery, but largemouth bass numbers and size quality are limited by a lack of shallow, weedy habitat. Legal-size brook trout have been stocked

annually since the mid 1960's. Older water quality data indicates that the pond was suitable for trout management and reclamation was considered, but it was opposed by bass anglers. Water quality has changed over the years and it is now marginal for coldwater fish species; however, annual spring stocking of legal-size brook trout will be continued to provide a seasonal trout fishery.

The pond can be accessed via a rough, dirt road located on Meadow View Road in Canton. A traditional, access exists on the western and northern shoreline, but the rough entry road limits access to canoes and car-top boats. Purchasing and developing access is a continuing priority of this department.

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