ENDLESS LAKE

T3 R9, Penobscot Co. U.S.G.S. Norcross and Schoodic Lake, ME

FISHES

Landlocked salmon Brook trout Splake Rainbow smelt Smallmouth bass White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Fallfish
Creek chub
White sucker
Hornpout (bullhead)
Banded killifish
Redbreast sunfish
Pumpkinseed sunfish
Slimy sculpin
American eel

Golden shiner Common shiner

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Area: 1,499 acres Temperature:

Surface - 74°F.

36 feet - 56°F.

Maximum depth: 36 feet

Principal Fishery: Landlocked salmon, Splake, Smallmouth bass, White perch, Chain pickerel.

Prior to 1962, Endless lake was used as a water impoundment. The outlet gates were open, and since then the dam has deteriorated down to rock cribbing. This returned the lake to its original water level, exposing wide, gravel beaches several rocky islands, and shallow backwaters. Several camps are present on the south end of the lake and the remnants of a large saw mill are present on the

southwest shore. The rest of the lake shoreline remains naturally wooded and undeveloped.

Endless lakes water quality has improved over time as the shoreline has stabilized. There is a large volume of water with adequate temperatures and oxygen to support coldwater species.

The lake has several tributaries. These have good spawning areas for the smelt. Smelts were introduced in 1969 and 1970. Several of the tribuatries have self-sustaining populations of brook trout. Seboeis stream and the Outlet provides some good salmon spawning and nursery habitat. Natural reproduction along with salmon drop-downs from West Seboeis provide a limited salmon fishery. The outlet allows unrestricted fish passage at normal water levels. In 2000 a splake stocking program began, and splake are complementing the existing fishery. A good population of smallmouth bass and white perch provides some excellent angling opportunity.

Endless Lake can be reached by a 14-mile dirt road from Route 11 between Brownville Junction and Millinocket, or by driving northwest of Howland on the North Howland Road and turning north on the Hardy Brook Road and traveling about 15-miles. The boat landing is shallow gravel-filled launch. At present it is a 4x4 access for the last ½ mile.

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