

LITTLE HATHORN POND
T4 R8 WELS, Penobscot Co.
U.S.G.S. Stacyville, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows
Redbelly dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 8 acres

Temperatures
Surface - 77° F.
10 feet - 66° F.

Maximum depth - 10 feet

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

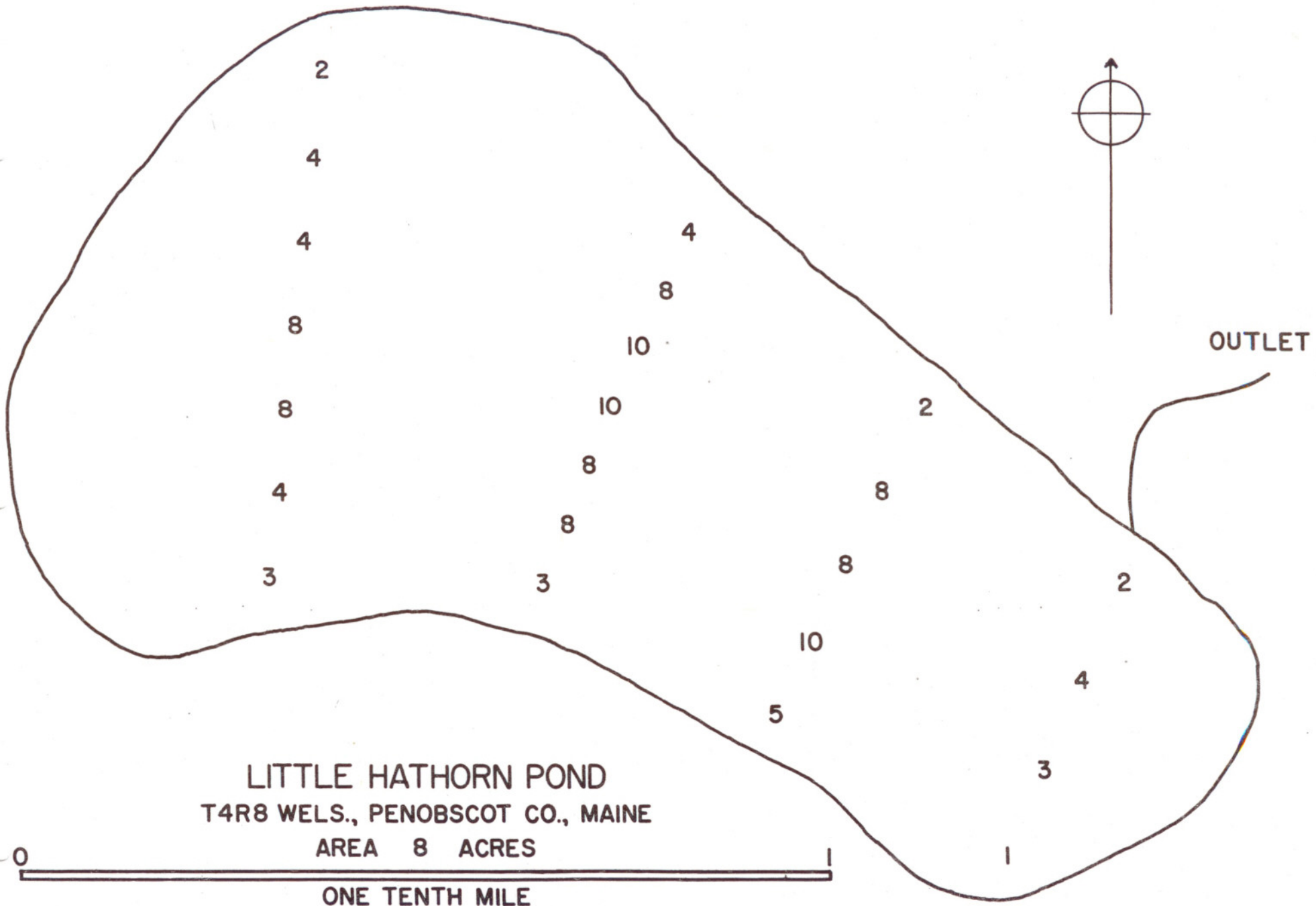
Little Hathorn Pond is a small attractive pond surrounded by mixed hard and softwood growth and a narrow heath margin. The pond bottom is mostly mud with a few rocky areas. Emergent aquatic vegetation is abundant in shallow areas.

Cool spring trickles entering the western end of the pond (and perhaps others within the pond) sustain brook trout during summers when surface water temperatures become warm. The natural brook trout population is apparently maintained through spawning in these springs. The outlet stream is fairly steep and poorly suited for trout reproduction. Upstream fish movement is restricted during all but high water levels. An active beaver dam at the outlet holds about one foot of water above the natural outlet level.

Abundant aquatic insects and leeches provide excellent forage for brook trout. This, combined with the near lack of competing species, contributes to excellent trout growth. To avoid introducing competition a "No Live Fish as Bait" regulation is recommended. The pond should also be closed to ice fishing. No stocking is necessary with current fishing pressure.

Access is via a three-quarter mile trail from a logging road spur off the East Branch - Telos Tote Road at Little Spring Brook.

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OUTLET

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