

LITTLE HOUSTON POND

T6 R9, Piscataquis Co.
U. S. G. S. Sebec, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 27 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 77° F.

Maximum depth - 14 feet

13 feet - 75° F.

Many Maine ponds have good habitat for trout, but large numbers of other fish compete for the same areas, eat similar foods, and in most cases are more aggressive than our native brook trout. Many of these ponds were considered good trout fishing in the past, but, as other fish were introduced, trout were displaced.

Some ponds with good trout habitat can be reclaimed and can again produce trout instead of thousands of pounds of fish that no one cares to eat or catch. To reclaim a pond, a chemical toxic to fish is mixed with the water to kill the existing fish population. Other ponds with equally good habitat for trout may not be suitable for reclamation because boggy areas, springs, and tributary streams provide hiding places for the fish where it is virtually impossible to apply the chemical effectively.

Little Houston Pond is a remote pond which had become dominated by large populations of sunfish, golden shiners, and dace. The water quality is suitable for brook trout. The pond has no tributaries, a well defined shoreline consisting of ledge and rock, and a precipitous outlet which is a barrier to upstream fish movement. These characteristics made the pond ideally suited for reclamation.

Little Houston Pond was reclaimed in September 1961, and legal-sized and fingerling trout from wild stocks were reintroduced in 1962. If these fish are able to establish a naturally spawning population, further stocking will not be necessary. Additional trout will be stocked, however, if a self-sustaining population is not produced.

The pond is now open to fishing under the following regulations:

1. A five trout bag limit;
2. The use or possession of live fish as bait prohibited; and
3. Closure to ice fishing.

These regulations are designed to allow a larger number of anglers to share the catch of trout and to prevent reintroduction of undesirable fish.

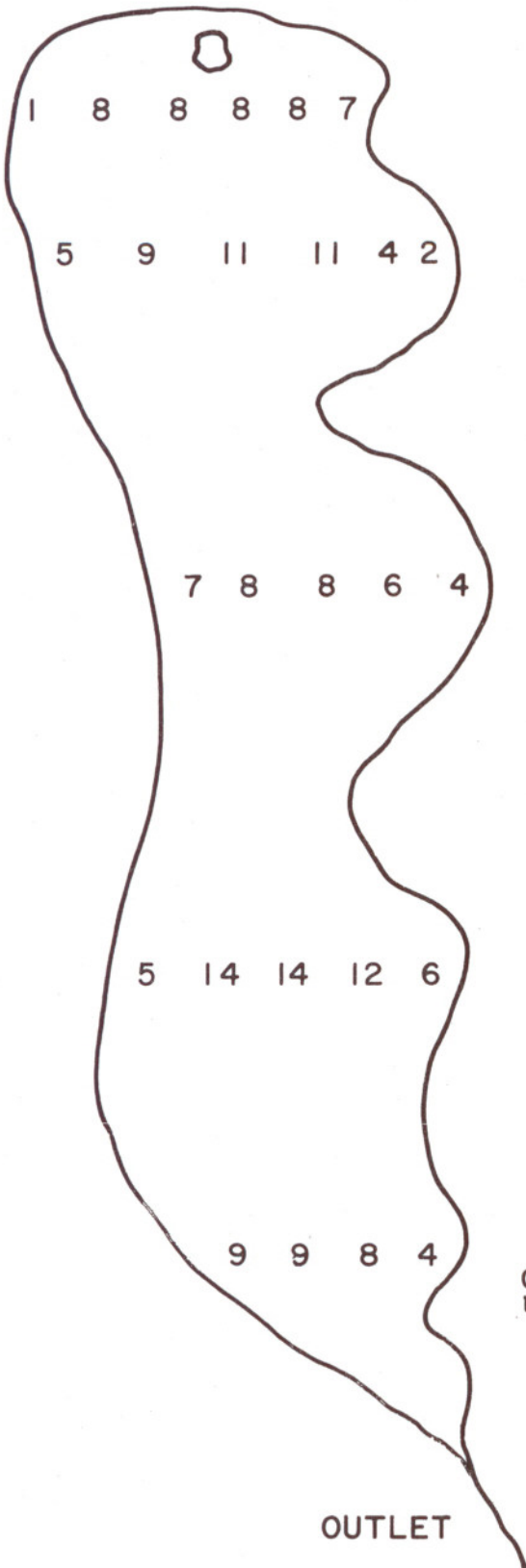
Fishermen can reach Little Houston Pond by driving to Katahdin Iron Works from Route 11. The caretaker will open a gate allowing you to drive a jeep within 1/2 mile or a car with 1 1/2 miles of the pond.

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TENTHS OF MILE

OUTLET