SING SING POND T1R11 WELS, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S., Jo-Mary Mountain, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)
White sucker

Minnows

Physical Characteristics

Area - 50 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 58° F.

Maximum depth - 14 feet

13 feet - 58° F.

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Sing Sing Pond is surrounded by spruce-fir forest, with cedars and an occasional white pine along the immediate shore. Hardwood ridges lie to the north and south of the pond. Granite ledges on Turtle Ridge to the north are visible from the pond.

The way the pond is situated between two ridges, you might expect Sing Sing Pond to be quite deep. In fact, it is a relatively shallow body of water. Water quality is good for brook trout, though warm temperatures during the summer months could limit trout distribution to areas influenced by cool springs.

In addition to wild brook trout, common suckers and at least one minnow species inhabit Sing Sing Pond. The minnows could not be captured for identification. Suckers appear to be quite abundant, and some are growing to a large size. These undoubtedly compete with the brook trout, and to some extent limits trout production in the pond. Suckers are also known to stir up materials from the bottom of the pond, reducing visibility in the water. During the survey the water in the pond appeared quite roily.

Sing Sing Pond has one small inlet. It is blocked in several areas by old beaver dams, limiting its potential to produce young trout for the pond. As a beaver dam on the outlet also restricts fish movement into the pond from the outlet, most brook trout reproduction probably occurs within the pond.

Sing Sing Pond has been known to produce some fine catches of brook trout. Under conditions of light fishing pressure it can be expected to continue to provide good trout fishing for those willing to hike into it. The pond will be managed for its wild trout population. In order to prevent the accidental introduction of additional fish species the use or possession of live fish as bait should be prohibited.

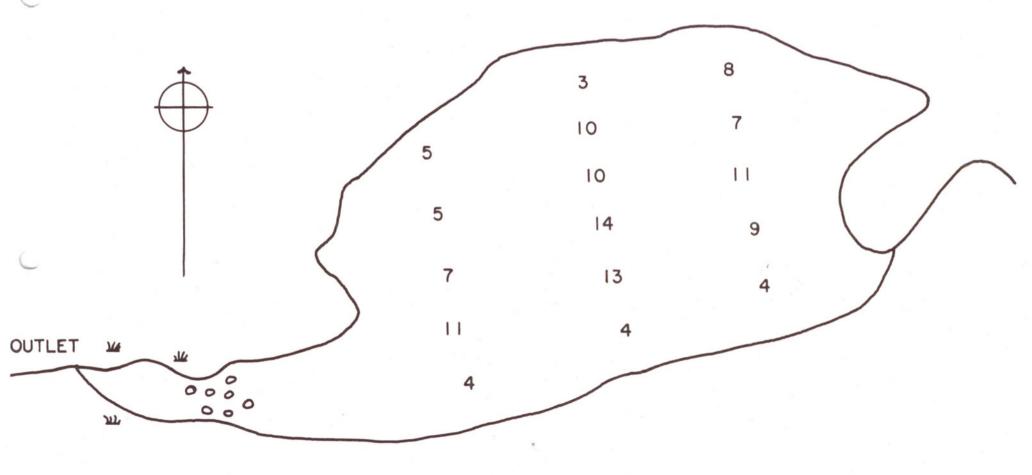
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