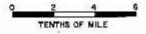


UPPER WILSON POND

GREENVILLE, T.BR.IO. PISCATAQUIS CO. MAINE

AREA 940 ACRES



## **UPPER WILSON POND**

Greenville Twp. & Bowdoin College Grant West, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Barren Mountain West, Number Four Mountain, Greenville, Me. (7 ½)

## **Fishes**

Landlocked salmon Finescale dace Lake trout Creek chub Brook trout Fallfish Rainbow smelt White sucker White perch Hornpout (bullhead) Minnows Burbot (cusk) Banded killifish Lake chub Golden shiner Threespine stickleback

Common shiner Redbreast sunfish Redbelly dace American eel

**Physical Characteristics** 

Area - 940 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 70°F 59 feet - 47°F

Maximum depth - 64 feet

Principal fisheries: Brook trout, landlocked salmon, white perch

Upper Wilson Pond is connected to Lower Wilson Pond by a short shallow thoroughfare that is easily negotiated by fish. Small boats and canoes can pass through the thoroughfare but passage becomes more difficult as the water level decreases. Access to both ponds is at a Department constructed boat ramp near the outlet dam on Lower Wilson Pond. A public access specific to the upper pond is needed. Historically, Upper Wilson Pond was managed for brook trout, both wild and hatchery-reared. With no guaranteed public access to the upper pond, direct stocking of Upper Wilson Pond ended in 1975. Now that most anglers have access to the upper pond by using the new public ramp on Lower Wilson Pond, the Department has started stocking again Landlocked salmon were stocked beginning in 2001.

Upper Wilson Pond supports an abundance of suckers, fallfish, and other minnows, all of which limit the pond's ability to produce lots of brook trout. In the mid-1980's, white perch were illegally introduced into the Wilson ponds and soon became established. The addition of white perch will further reduce the quality of the brook trout fishery. Salmon and lake trout will continue to make a minor contribution to the fishery, as both are present in the lower pond.

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