

WADLEIGH POND
TIR11, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Jo-Mary Mt., Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)	Minnows
Lake trout (togue)	Fallfish (chub)
White sucker	Common shiner
	Golden shiner
	Creek chub
	Lake chub
	Cusk
	Pumpkinseed sunfish
	Freshwater sculpin

Physical Characteristics

Area - 225 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 71° F.

Maximum depth - 90 feet

80 feet - 39° F.

Principal Fishery: Brook trout, lake trout

Wadleigh Pond is located in the vast tract of forest to the east of the road between Kokadjo and Ripogenus Dam. It is situated in a valley between Wadleigh and Nesuntabunt Mountains. Even though it is rather small for a togue lake, it has the features typical of most natural togue waters in Maine. There is plenty of deep, cold water with an abundant supply of oxygen at all depths. The entire shoreline of the pond is quite rocky, with a number of underwater ledges and boulder rubble areas ideally suited for togue spawning. Because of the pond's shape and location, it is fully exposed to the prevailing winds, a factor very important in maintaining the spawning areas in the silt-free condition preferred by togue.

In addition to a fine population of togue, native brook trout and several species of rough fish also inhabit Wadleigh Pond. While the non-game species provide a rich food source for the togue, they do compete with the brook trout for both food and habitat, a factor limiting the abundance of trout in the pond.

Of Wadleigh's two major tributaries, only Farrar Brook is of any real importance to the natural reproduction of brook trout. It contains large areas of gravel ideal for successful trout spawning, and the entire brook is excellent habitat for both young and adult fish. The other tributary flows from

First Musquash Pond, located only a short distance to the south. It falls over a series of rocks and ledges between the two ponds, providing very little in the way of suitable spawning area. This inlet enters a shallow, weedy area at the southern end of Wadleigh Pond, an area that resembles First Musquash more than the rest of Wadleigh.

Wadleigh Pond's outlet flows into Pollywog Pond. The thoroughfare between these two bodies of water provides habitat and good nursery areas for trout, along with some gravel areas around the rocks that would be suitable for trout spawning. However, during the summer months, the water in this thoroughfare gets quite warm, and it is unlikely that it supports any trout at that time of the year.

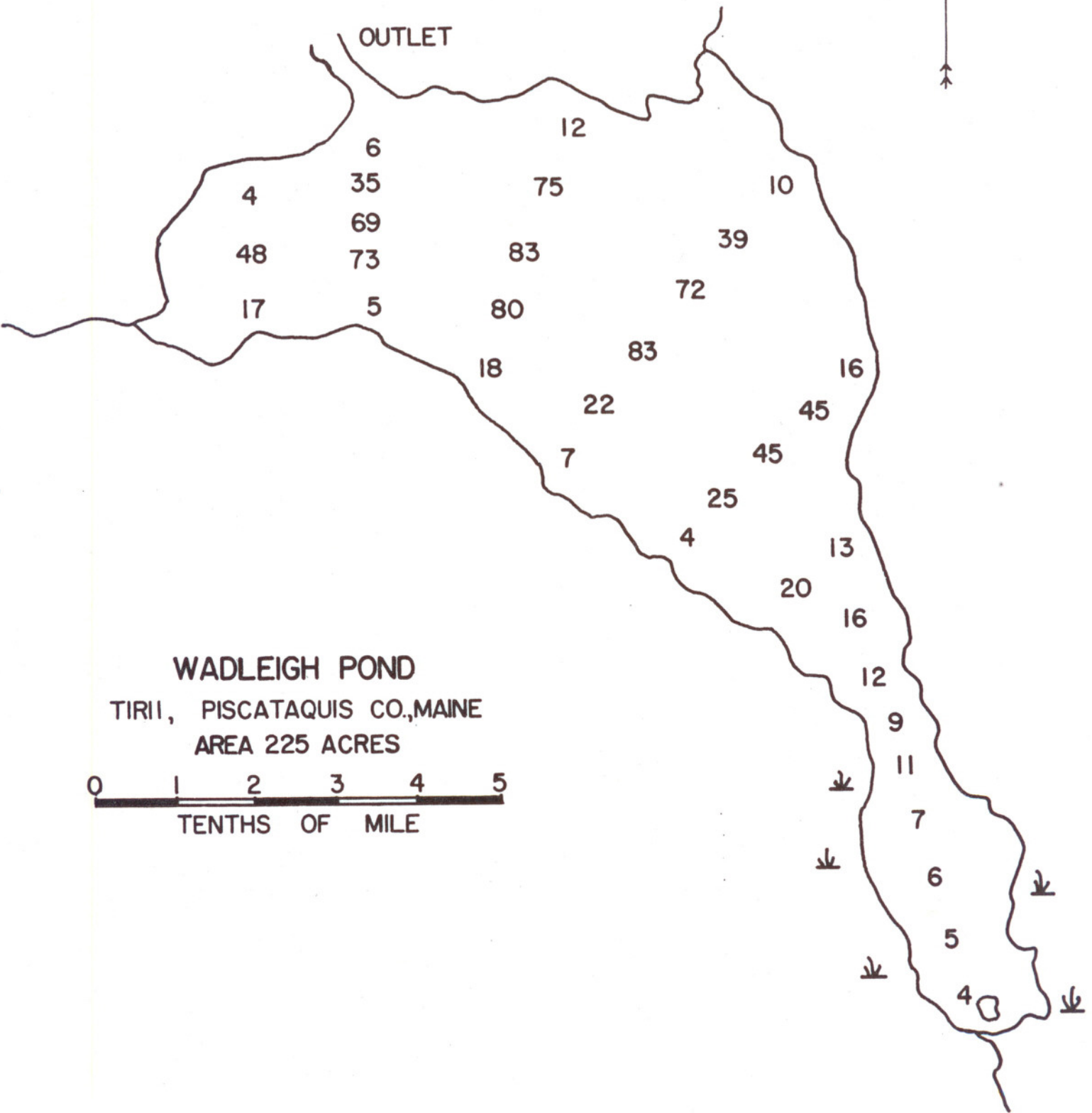
The area around Wadleigh Pond has been cut over in years past. Therefore, the pond is accessible by vehicle over old logging roads. In addition, the Appalachian Trail passes within a hundred yards of the northeast shore. A short path off the main trail leads to the Wadleigh Pond lean-to, an excellent shelter located in a secluded spot close to the pond.

Wadleigh Pond will be managed for its togue and brook trout fisheries. The isolated location of the pond has protected the native populations of these species from over exploitation by keeping both people and development from the shores of the pond. As long as the area remains undeveloped and not readily accessible, these populations can continue to be maintained entirely through natural reproduction. Therefore, no stocking is recommended. The existing general law regulations are sufficient to protect the fishery.

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