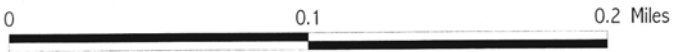


Little Wilson Pond
Elliotsville Twp
Piscataquis Co., ME
Area = 30 Acres



LITTLE WILSON POND

Elliotsville Twp, Piscataquis Co.,
U.S.G.S. Barren Mountain West, Me (7 ½')

Fishes

Brook trout
Minnows
Golden shiner

Finescale dace
Creek chub

Physical Characteristics

Area - 30 acres

Maximum depth - 35 feet

Temperatures:

Surface - 67°F

20 feet - 46°F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Little Wilson Pond is located along an old tote road near the Appalachian Trail in Elliotsville. ATVs can access the pond from either the Elliotsville Road or from Greenville along the Bob Young Road. It is accessible to within 1/3 mile by 4-wheel drive vehicles only during dry periods. There is one camp on the east end of the pond.

The surrounding forest is predominantly softwood. There is an area of exposed ledge along the north shore. The pond bottom is mostly soft sediment with scattered rocks. There is a large area of rock and gravel in the west corner of the pond. No flow was apparent but the substrate is suitable for trout spawning. There is little aquatic vegetation around the pond because there is relatively little shallow area. The outlet flows into Little Wilson Stream where there is ample spawning habitat. Access to and from the stream can be a problem depending on the amount of beaver activity. There is also a small ledge drop on the outlet, which is probably passable only at high flows. The inlet from Prescott Pond has suitable gravel for trout spawning but access is difficult because of debris.

The water quality is excellent for coldwater gamefish management. The pond had cool, oxygenated water in the thermocline. The brook trout in Little Wilson pond exhibit good growth and appear to be abundant. Trout up to 16 in were taken during the survey indicating the pond has potential for growing quality fish. Although minnows were taken in all areas sampled, they were not overly abundant.

Currently, there is very little angler data available regarding the fishery at this pond. The lake survey clearly shows this pond has a very good trout population. If access is improved to this pond, more restrictive regulations will be needed to protect the fishery.

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