## DRAKE LAKE T10R3 NBPP (Forest), Washington Co. U.S.G.S. Forest Me.

## Fishes

Smallmouth bass Chain pickerel White perch Yellow perch White sucker

Redbreast sunfish Pumpkinseed sunfish Minnows Golden shiner Common shiner Brown bullhead

## **Physical Characteristics**

Area - 260 acres

Maximum depth - 18 feet

Temperatures Surface - 72°F. 17 feet - 67 °F. Principal Fishery: Smallmouth bass, Chain pickerel, White perch

Drake Lake has a diversity of shoreline types, ranging from ledge, to gravel, marsh and sphagnum bog. An old burn is evident on the

east shore. The rest of the lake is surrounded by mixed timber. Emergent aquatic vegetation is limited to the coves.

Water quality is well suited to warmwater fish. The small temperature difference from surface to bottom is not cool enough to maintain salmonids during warm summer months. Water color is teabrown due to organic material from the extensive bog at the southern end of the lake.

Small tributaries enter Drake Lake at either end. Both provide pickerel spawning habitat, especially the southern one which travels a mile at lake level through marsh and sphagnum bog.

Drake Lake is separated from Jackson Brook Lake by a narrow gravel esker. Access is through the natural thoroughfare at the south end - a shallow channel with several rocks necessitating care with motors, - or through a man-made channel cut across the esker. This channel is about 150 feet long and shallow draft boats can be poled from one lake to the other.

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