

WEST POND

Parsonfield Twp., York Co., Me. U.S.G.S. Limerick, Cornish and Kezar Falls, Me., (7.5')

Fishes

Smallmouth bass Largemouth bass White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner White sucker Hornpout (bullhead) Pumpkinseed sunfish Black crappie

Physical Characteristics

Area - 140 acres

Maximum depth - 28 feet

Temperatures: Surface - 76°F 22 feet - 67°F

Principal fisheries: Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel and black crappie

West Pond is a heavily developed pond, located north of Rt. 160 in Parsonfield. This pond is managed for warmwater fish species due to the lack of cool, well-oxygenated water available during the summer months.

Excellent angling opportunities now exist for bass, crappies and pickerel. An abundant population of juvenile perch and minnows provides an excellent forage bass. Anglers can expect good fishing for both smallmouth and largemouth bass in the 2-4 pound range. Occasionally much larger bass are taken.

Black crappies have recently been introduced and are providing a good fishery, especially during the winter. It remains to be seen if this illegal introduction will impact the quality bass fishery that now exists at West Pond. Additionally, there is now an opportunity for these crappies to drop downstream into Long Pond and Sokokis Pond, where additional impacts may occur. The introduction of any fish species into Maine waters is illegal, and the effects are usually irreversible and detrimental to the existing fish populations. Introducing new fish species into any water is a decision best left to the professionals.

A small private ramp, located on the north shore of the pond on the Road Between The Ponds, provides access to West Pond. The ramp can accommodate carry-on boats and canoes, and small trailered boats.

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