## CRESCENT LAKE

Casco, Raymond Twps., Cumberland Co. U.S.G.S. Raymond, Me. (7 1/2')

## Fishes

Landlocked salmon
Rainbow smelt
Smallmouth bass
Largemouth bass
White perch
Yellow perch
Chain pickerel
Minnow

Golden shiner Bridled shiner Fallfish (chub) White sucker
Creek chubsucker
Hornpout (bullhead)
Banded killifish
Pumpkinseed sunfish
American eel
Cusk

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 716 acres Temperatures Surface -  $79^{\circ}F$  Maximum depth - 54 feet 50 feet -  $51^{\circ}F$ 

Principal fisheries: Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, landlocked salmon, white perch, cusk

Crescent Lake has excellent water quality for warmwater fisheries management. Extensive gravel shoreline, structure such as rockpiles and weedbeds, and an ample forage base provide excellent habitat for bass and pickerel. This lake consistently produces some of the best bass fishing in southern Maine.

Oxygen deficiency below 35 feet limit the potential for coldwater fisheries management. A layer of cool well-oxygenated water does exist in the thermocline. This layer and a fair smelt population does provide the habitat for a limited salmon and trout fishery. Annual stocking of these species is necessary because there is no suitable spawning or nursery habitat. A limited cusk fishery also exist in the winter.

Crescent Lake is open both summer and winter with general law regulations. The town of Raymond maintains a boat ramp along Route 85. The lake is also accessible from Panther Pond via the Tenney River.

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