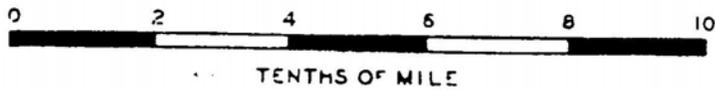


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LOWER RANGE POND

POLAND TWP. ANDROSCOGGIN CO.

ELEV. 304 FT. AREA 290 ACRES



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Poland Twp., Androscoggin Co.
U.S.G.S. Minot & Mechanic Falls, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brown trout	Minnows
Rainbow smelt	Golden shiner
Smallmouth bass	White sucker
Largemouth bass	Hornpout (bullhead)
White perch	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Yellow perch	American eel
Chain pickerel	Landlocked alewife

Physical Characteristics

Area - 290 acres

Temperatures:

Maximum depth - 46 feet

Surface - 75°F

43 feet - 47°F

Principal fisheries: Brown trout, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel

Lower Range Pond, as the name suggests, is the lowermost pond within a chain of three ponds. This water is located near some heavily populated areas, and is commonly used by summer and winter anglers. A popular State park is also located on the pond.

Lower Range thermally stratifies each summer and a small area of cool, oxygenated water is available for salmonid management. This water is being stocked annually with fall yearling brown trout due to the limiting water quality, heavy competition, and predation from other fish species. Brown trout have demonstrated good survival and often grow to a quality size of 3 to 6 pounds. Annual stocking is required to maintain the fishery due a lack of suitable spawning habitat. Smelt and landlocked alewives provide an excellent forage base for brown trout and other piscivorous fish species.

Suitable habitat exists for both largemouth and smallmouth bass and they provide good fishing. In addition, pickerel and white perch are available and provide additional angling opportunities. The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has received several anecdotal reports of black crappie in the pond; however, their presence or absence has not been confirmed.

A state-owned, public boat access for Lower Range is located within the State park.

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