MIDAS #1538
FIRST CHASE POND
T14 R9 AROOSTOOK CO, MAINE
AREA: 12 ACRES

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FIRST CHASE POND
(Hourglass Pond)
T14 R9, Aroostook Co.
U.S.G.S. Gardner Pond, Me (7.5’)

Fishes

Lake trout (togue)  Blacknose dace
Brook trout       Creek chub
Minnows          White sucker
Lake chub        Threespine stickleback
Finescale dace   Slimy sculpin

Physical Characteristics

Area - 14 acres
Maximum depth - 37 feet

Temperatures:
Surface - 70°F
35 feet - 49°F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

First Chase Pond is undeveloped and surrounded by wooded hills. It is the lowermost in a chain of three ponds at the headwaters of Chase Brook, a tributary of Fish Lake. First Chase is an ideal small trout pond. During the summer, water below 15 feet is cold with ample dissolved oxygen to support trout.

Lake and outlet spawning as well as downstream movement from the upper ponds maintain the trout population. Trout migration is hindered from time to time by beaver colonies on the inlet and outlet, which are sometimes so numerous that removal would be futile.

First Chase Pond is accessible only by plane and footpath and receives relatively light fishing pressure.

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