

PLEASANT POND  
Island Falls, Aroostook Co.  
U.S.G.S. Oakfield, ME (7½')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon	Common shiner
Brook trout	Blacknose dace
Rainbow smelt	Fallfish
Smallmouth bass	Longnose sucker
White perch	White sucker
Yellow perch	Brown bullhead
Chain pickerel	Burbot (Cusk)
Minnows	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Lake chub	American eel

Physical characteristics

Area - 1832 acres	Temperatures:
	Surface - 70°F.
Maximum depth - 63 feet	60 feet - 50°F.

Principal fisheries: Landlocked salmon  
Brook trout  
Smallmouth bass

Pleasant Pond is a very attractive lake located in a hilly area of southern Aroostook County. There are several cleared areas on the hills for farmland, a golf course and a ski area but most of the area down to the shoreline is spruce fir forest. The shoreline is very rocky and drops off quickly into deep water. There

are a few sandy beaches and only one wetland area around the lake. The most notable characteristic of the lake is the very clear, greenish tinted water. The upper, northwest, end of the lake in Island Falls is fairly heavily developed but the lower end of the lake in T4R3 is undeveloped.

Existing water quality is excellent for the production of coldwater fisheries. The lake does stratify thermally during the summer months and maintains sufficient oxygen in the deeper water for coldwater fishes.

The only tributaries to the lake are small and many of these are seasonal. The outlet provides good but limited spawning and nursery area for salmon and trout. Salmon do spawn in the outlet however few wild salmon are found in the lake fishery.

Salmon and brook trout are stocked each year and produce an excellent salmon fishery and a very good brook trout fishery. An excellent smelt population provides a good food source for salmon and trout. Smallmouth bass are plentiful and growth is slow due to the oligotrophic nature of the lake but there are some large bass in the lake. Pickerel are not abundant due to the lack of habitat.

There is one unimproved boat launching site in the cove at the northwest end of the lake.

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