STAPLES POND
Temple, Franklin County
U.S.G.S. Farmington, Maine (7½’)

Fishes

Brown trout
Brook trout
Rainbow smelt
Chain pickerel

Minnows
Golden shiner
Creek chub
White sucker
American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 64 acres
Maximum depth - 44 feet

Temperatures:
Surface - 82°F
40 feet - 41°F

Principal fisheries: Brown trout

Staples Pond is located east of Potato Hill. Two small inlets enter the northwest corner of the pond and its outlet flows south into Drury Pond. The pond’s shoreline is lightly developed.

Water quality in Staples Pond is good for coldwater gamefish, in spite of a lack of oxygen below 25 feet. Spawning and nursery habitat is minimal, so annual stockings of brown trout provide the fishery. Brown trout growth is good, despite the presence of chain pickerel competing for food and space.

Staples Pond has a hand-carry access site reached from the Staples Road. The pond is open to general law fishing in the summer and closed to winter fishing. See the lawbook for additional regulations.

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