UPPER HADLOCK POND Mount Desert Twp., Hancock County U.S.G.S. Mount Desert. Maine

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)
Brown trout

Smelt Eel White sucker Minnows Golde

Golden shiner Banded killifish Pumpkinseed sunfish Redbreast sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 35 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 76° F.

Maximum depth - 47 feet

35 feet - 52° F.

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Upper Hadlock Pond is located within Acadia National Park on Mt. Desert Island. Route 198 borders the western side of the pond, and a turn-off area close to the outlet provides public access where a canoe or small boat can be launched.

The pond provides good habitat for trout. From the late 1960's thru 1984, the pond as managed for brown trout thru annual stockings of fall yearlings. Although the pond produced periods of reasonably good fishing for 14-19 inch (and occasional 3-5 pound fish) brown trout, fishing was generally "slow". In response to a request from the Mt. Desert Island Rod and Gun Club, management was changed to brook trout in 1984. The pond historically produced some good brook trout fishing prior to the brown trout stocking program, and club members believed it could do so again with the aid of a number of restrictive regulations. Consequently, in an effort to produce a fishery for larger-than average brook trout, these special regulations were implemented: 1) artificial lures only 2) daily limit of 2 trout 3) minimum legal length of 12 inches for trout, and 4) tributaries closed to fishing. These regulations have helped to produce some fairly good brook trout fishing for 12-16 inch fish in recent years. The fishery will be maintained primarily by annual stockings of fall-fingerling brook trout augmented by some native trout produced in the two small tributaries. The Mt.Desert Island Rod & Gun Club maintains a screen at the outlet to prevent emigration of stocked trout.

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