

LILY POND Deer Isle Twp., Hancock Co. U.S.G.S. Deer Isle, ME (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brown trout Brook trout Rainbow smelt Pumpkinseed sunfish American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 37 acres

Maximum depth - 21 feet

Principal fishery: Brook trout, brown trout

Lily Pond is located on Deer Isle. You can drive part way in to the western end of the pond via a dirt road. A canoe or small boat can be launched with modest difficulty by dragging it down a hill for a short distance.

The pond provides marginal habitat for trout. Stocked brook trout provided generally satisfactory fishing for many years. However, survival of these fish declined markedly in the mid-late 1990's, probably due to a combination of marginal summer water quality, predation by cormorants, and increased competition from sunfish. Although the pond continued to grow a few trophy 3-4 pound brook trout, returns to anglers were insufficient to warrant continued stocking. Accordingly, in an effort to improve the fishery, brown trout were introduced in 1999, as this species tolerates warm water conditions and strong competition better than brook trout. It is expected that the pond will grow more large brown trout compared to the numbers of large brook trout it formerly yielded. Because brown trout are much harder to catch than brook trout, fall fingerling brookies are stocked to provide an active spring fishery.

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Temperatures: Surface - 74°F 21 feet - 53°F