SILVER LAKE Bucksport Twp., Hancock Co. U.S.G.S. Bucksport, Me.

Fishes

Smallmouth bass White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel Hornpout (bullhead) Minnows
Golden shiner
Threespine stickleback
Pumpkinseed sunfish
Redbreast sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 630 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 71°F.

Maximum depth - 33 feet

32 feet — 57°F.

Principal Fishery: Smallmouth bass, pickerel, white perch

Silver Lake is situated a mile or so north of Bucksport. The St. Regis Paper Company utilizes water from the lake for industrial processes at their Bucksport mill.

Virtually all the water in the upper two-thirds of the lake is less than 20 feet deep. The deeper water, located in the extreme southern end, is seriously deficient in dissolved oxygen. Water levels in the lake fluctuate widely during the course of the year. The northern basin contains many stumps and small islands which are not shown on the accompanying map. Anglers using power boats on this section of the lake should exercise caution.

Silver Lake provides good habitat for warmwater gamefish and is especially noted for fine smallmouth bass angling. Fish in the 2-3 pound class are not uncommon. Crayfish and small sunfish both of which constitute excellent forage for smallmouths are abundant. Stocking is not recommended.

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