## EAST RICHARDSON PONDS Adamstown Twp., Oxford County U.S.G.S. Oquossoc, Maine

## Fishes

| Brook trout   | Minnows    |
|---------------|------------|
| Rainbow smelt | Lake chub  |
| White sucker  | Creek chub |

## Physical Characteristics

|                    | Upper Pond |                |
|--------------------|------------|----------------|
| Area - 85 acres    |            | Temperatures   |
|                    |            | Surface - 73°F |
| Maximum depth - 20 | feet       | 19 feet - 57°F |

Lower Pond

| Area 54 acres           | Temperatures   |
|-------------------------|----------------|
|                         | Surface - 74°F |
| Maximum depth - 15 feet | 14 feet - 68°F |

Principal fishery - Brook trout

The East Richardson Ponds lie within the Richardson Lake Unit of Maine's Public Reserved Lands. and are accessible by a gravel road off Route 16. Water quality in both ponds is suitable for brook trout, though the quality of the habitat is reduced somewhat by the presence of suckers. A fly-fishingonly regulation is in effect to discourage the introduction of other competing fish species. Although yellow perch are present in downstream waters, the steep gradient of the outlet has prevented their movement into the ponds.

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