SMITH POND T3 Indian Purchase, Penobscot Co. U.S.G.S. Norcross, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) Hornpout (bullhead) Eel Redbreast sunfish

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 208 acres

Temperatures Surface - 68° F. 16 feet - 66° F.

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Maximum depth - 16 feet

Most of the shoreline of Smith Pond is rocky and gravel strewn. There is only a very small amount of shallow, muddy, weedy area. Almost the entire pond is surrounded by cottages and year-round homes, thus the pond is heavily utilized as a swimming, water skiing, and boating area.

Smith Pond was reclaimed in September, 1966 to remove species of fish that compete with brook trout for food and space. The elimination of white perch, yellow perch, pickerel, and suckers plus the reduction in numbers of other species of rough fish have made Smith Pond an excellent trout pond. The brook trout stocked there have been growing at a rapid rate.

Prior to reclamation a barrier dam was constructed on the outlet. While this eliminates the outlet as a spawning and nursery area for trout in the pond, it does prevent the reestablishment of many undesirable species of fish that could migrate back into the pond from Millinocket Stream.

The trout fishery in Smith Pond will be maintained by annual stocking of fall fingerling brook trout in lieu of adequate natural reproduction.

Regulations presently in effect prohibit ice fishing, limit the daily catch to five trout, and prohibit the use or possession of live fish as bait. These laws are designed to distribute the catch among more anglers and to help prevent the introduction of undesirable species of fish. Smith Pond is located just off the road leading from Millinocket to Baxter State Park. It is readily accessible by car and has public boat launching facilities provided by the Millinocket Fin and Feather Club.

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