CEDAR POND TB R10, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Jo Mary Mountain, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) Eel

Minnows

Blacknose dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 65 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 70° F.

Maximum depth - 50 feet

50 feet - 41° F.

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Cedar Pond is a beautiful remote pond surrounded by spruce and fir forest. Located at the foot of Cedar Mountain, it can be reached by way of a 1½-mile trail from the Johnston Pond road.

The bottom of the pond consists predominantly of boulders and rubble, with a few large areas of sand and gravel on the north and west shores of the pond.

The water quality of Cedar Pond is excellent for brook trout, and a large population of trout is present there. These trout provide good fishing for those anglers willing to walk in, especially early in the fishing season. Competition from the other species of fish in the pond is minimal, making Cedar Pond an ideal natural trout pond.

As there are no inlets of any consequence to the natural reproduction of trout, and since the outlet drops steeply with no adequate spawning areas, the reproduction of trout in the pond is confined to gravel areas near the shore. The fact that the outlet drops sharply is important in that it has prevented the introduction of undesirable species of fish that could have otherwise migrated up Cedar Brook from the East Branch of the Pleasant River.

A regulation prohibiting the use or possession of live fish as bait should be established to help prevent any introductions of undesirable fish species that could spoil the trout fishing in Cedar Pond.

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