

SEVENTH ROACH POND
TA R11, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Jo-Mary Mountain, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)
White sucker

Minnows
Creek chub
Lake chub

Physical Characteristics

Area - 33 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 10 feet

Surface - 65° F.
8 feet - 65° F.

Seventh Roach Pond and Alligator Pond form the headwaters of Roach River, which flows into Moosehead Lake. Seventh Roach Pond lies between Alligator Pond and the northern base of Big Boardman Mountain about 1½-mile walk from Yoke Ponds.

Wind agitates the flocculent bottom of this shallow pond, often making the water quite turbid. Water quality is usually acceptable for coldwater fish, but prolonged high air temperatures could raise the water temperature near the trout's upper tolerance limit of approximately 75° F. We found no cool, springy areas to alleviate this condition.

Beaver were once abundant near Seventh Roach Pond, but only a few active colonies remain. Both the inlet and outlet have many divergent channels which cut through, and go around, abandoned dams. Neither stream has habitat suitable for trout spawning or nursery and the pond itself provides no gravel spawning areas. Debris on the short stream between Alligator and Seventh Roach Ponds should be removed to allow easier passage of fish between the ponds.

The number of brook trout in the pond is not only limited by inadequate spawning facilities, but also by large populations of suckers and chubs. However, the trout that are present grow fast and provide some quality fishing. General law regulations are sufficient for the trout fishery in this remote pond.

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