



Rocky Pond
T3 R11 WELS
Piscataquis Co., Maine
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T3 R11 WELS, Piscataquis Co.,
U.S.G.S. Rainbow Lake West, Me (7 ½')

Fishes

Minnows
Finescale dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 16 acres

Maximum depth - 33 feet

Principal fishery: None

Temperatures:

Surface - 72°F

30 feet - 44°F

Recent logging activity has made Rocky Pond very accessible. In the past, a long hike from the Golden Road or the Holbrook Pd Tote Road was necessary to access Rocky Pond. Now, a new logging road exists within a few hundred feet of the northwest shore of the pond. A few marked trails from the new road to the pond already exist.

The pond is quite deep with just a small area of water less than 10 feet deep. There are small areas of aquatic vegetation primarily near the outlet and in the cove on the southeast shore. There are ledges along the east shore and large granite boulders are scattered around the entire shoreline. The surrounding forest is predominantly softwood. At the time of the survey, the outlet was choked with beaver dams and there was no outflow. The outlet is silty with rocks and scattered boulders. No gravel was observed. Although the outlet is not very steep near the pond, it is very steep and probably impassable as it approaches the Golden Road. There was considerable beaver activity on the only inlet to the pond. This inlet on the west shore was completely inundated by beaver dams and a large backwater area existed above the dams. No gravel was observed and this inlet offers no potential for spawning at this time.

No gamefish were taken during the survey. There was a small amount of litter observed around the pond indicating that at one time trout may have been present. Water quality is excellent for coldwater gamefish. The pond was stratified and although there was a deficiency in the hypolimnion, the thermocline was well oxygenated.

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