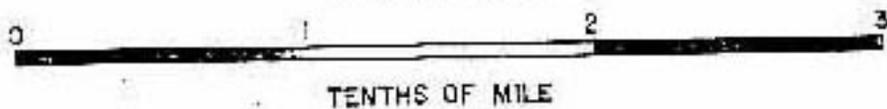


**Midas #1440
EASTERN LAKE**

ROBBINSON TWP., WASHINGTON CO., MAINE

AREA 38 ACRES



EASTERN LAKE

Robbinston Twp., Washington Co.
U.S.G.S. Red Beach, ME (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brook trout
Minnnows
Redbelly dace

American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 38 acres

Maximum depth - 38 feet

Temperatures

Surface - 70°F

35 feet - 48°F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Eastern Lake is located in the small coastal town of Robbinston. To get there, take the Sherman Road heading westerly out of the village. Access to the pond is gained over either of two trails which head northerly off the Sherman Road.

This pond provides a modest fishery for wild brook trout, the largest of which attain lengths of 14-15 in. Most angled trout range in length from 10-12 in. The outlet, especially in the reach several miles downstream, supports lots of juvenile trout. Some of these fish likely move up into the pond during periods of high flow, contributing to the fishery. Some natural reproduction may also occur within the pond itself in and around springy areas. This wild trout population has been able to persist, because it receives light pressure as a consequence of the slow fishing. Although current regulations are general law, it may be desirable to implement more protective special regulations at some point in the future, especially if use increases. Such wild trout fisheries are especially valuable resources in Downeast Maine, and they certainly merit adequate protection. Any future efforts towards improving the fishery should focus on enhancing the wild trout population rather than resorting to stocking.

One enhancement effort that might be worthwhile would be to keep the entire length of the outlet from the pond to the ocean free and clear of beaver and their dams. This would allow more of the numerous juvenile trout living in the lower reaches to migrate up into the pond. Anglers can do their part by making absolutely certain they don't accidentally introduce any undesirable species into the pond via their bait buckets. Such an introduction of a competitory species would quickly produce a sharp decline in the trout fishery.

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