PORK BARREL LAKE

T 6 R 1 NBPP., Washington Co. U.S.G.S. Scraggly Lake, Me. (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brook trout

Minnows: Golden shiner Blacknose dace Banded killifish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 33 acres

Temperatures Surface – 81 F 15 feet – 66 F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Maximum depth - 18 feet

Pork Barrel is a picturesque, remote trout pond situated in the hardwood hills just north of West Grand Lake. To reach this water, anglers can take the "Amazon Road" from either Route 6 or from the Grand Lake Stream Road, traveling to a point just north of Whitney Cove, and then taking an old woods road to the lake. A four-wheel drive is recommended. Boat access is carry-in only; the slope from the access road to the lake is steep, so small boats or canoes are advised

This water is stocked annually with fall fingerling brook trout. A small quantity of trout spawning and nursery habitat exists in the outlet where electro-fishing confirmed small numbers of wild brook trout. The mouth of the lake outlet was cluttered with woody debris, limiting movement of wild trout into the lake.

Following the initial survey in 1988, the lake was stocked with 6 to 8 inch trout. The success of these initial stockings in providing a satisfactory fishery for 12 to 15 inch trout, proved that the lake could grow fish to quality sizes. In 2000, an artificial lures only regulation was implemented for the winter and open water seasons. This regulation should enhance holdover of trout to larger sizes, as well as reduce the threat of an introduction of competing fish species. The lake is considered to be one of the best trout waters in the area.

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