ROCKY LAKE T18 E.D., Washington County U.S.G.S. Gardner Lake, Maine

Fishes

Salmon Smallmouth bass White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel Eel
White sucker
Minnows
Fallfish (chub)
Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 1,555 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 73°F.

Maximum depth - 37 feet

33 feet - 70°F.

Principal Fishery: Pickerel, white perch, smallmouth bass

This moderate-sized body of water is located west of Route 191 in T18ED. Vehicular access is over a rough dirt road maintained by the Bureau of Public Lands. The road terminates at "Mud Landing" where boats can be launched into Northern Inlet for the short trip downstream into the lake itself.

The lake is aptly named as there are numerous rocks and boulders scattered throughout. Anglers visiting this lake for the first time should use extreme caution as the water is dark and many of the boulders lurk just under or protrude only slightly above the surface. Rocky Lake provides good fishing for pickerel and white perch, fair fishing for bass, and a limited fishery for a few native landlocked salmon. Southern Inlet, a major tributary, contains moderate numbers of 7-9 inch native brook trout. Both pickerel and white perch are abundant and provide good sport during the ice fishing and open water seasons. In the July-September period, the lake is popular with perch fishermen who make good catches of 9-11 inch fish. Despite the presence of many boulders which provide good cover for bass, suitable spawning area is apparently guite limited as bass are not especially plentiful. The lake is known as a "slow" one for bass, but one which produces some 2 1/2-4 pound fish each year which typically are in excellent condition. Some anglers catch a few salmon during most winters, some of which attain weights up to 3-4 pounds.

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