

FOLLY POND

York, Twp., York Co.
U.S.G.S. York Harbor, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Yellow perch	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Chain pickerel	Swamp darter
Brown bullhead	

Physical Characteristics

Area - 54 acres	Temperatures:
	Surface - 77°F
Maximum depth - 37	35 feet - 45°F

Principal fisheries: yellow perch, chain pickerel

Folly Pond serves as a water supply reservoir for the Town of Kittery. The Water District owns all the land surrounding the pond and there is no development within the pond's immediate watershed. The pond and surrounding woodlands are very picturesque.

Yellow perch and chain pickerel are relatively small in size, but comprise the bulk of the pond's fish population.

The swamp darter is one of the smallest fish found in Maine. The Darter occurs only in the southern most region of York County.

Of the water district ponds, Folly Pond offers some of the best opportunity to create a coldwater fishery. The pond thermally stratifies and provides water quality suitable for cold and warmwater fisheries. Sampling in 1998 indicated that unusually low pH no longer appears to be a potential limiting factor. Furthermore, the small size of existing fish species would preclude any significant predation problems, should a trout stocking program become initiated in the future.

The pond is also well suited for smallmouth bass, although the potential wide fluctuations in water levels resulting from water district operations could negatively impact spawning success in some years.

Water dependent uses, including fishing, are prohibited by the Water District. If limited access and fishing opportunities are permitted in the future sportfish populations could be enhanced through stocking. With the cooperation of the Water District, Folly Pond could provide a truly unique "wilderness" fishing experience in one of Maine's most densely populated areas.

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area 54 acres
elevation 284 feet

