



CLARK POND

South Portland Twp., Cumberland Co.
U.S.G.S. Portland, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Chain pickerel
Minnows

Golden shiner
White sucker
Hornpout (bullhead)

Banded killifish
Threespine
stickleback
Ninespine stickleback
Pumpkinseed sunfish
American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 15 acres

Maximum depth - 16 feet

Temperature:

Surface - 65°F

15 feet - 55°F

Principal fisheries: Chain pickerel, hornpout

Clark Pond consists of a single basin with an island and two long, shallow fingers that extend in a westerly direction. Currently, no active fisheries management program exists.

Historically, this pond was used for swimming, fishing, boating, and ice production. The Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife stocked this water with legal sized brook trout until the early 1980's and a "kids only" regulation was in effect. However, heavy development occurred from the late 1960's to present, and the pond's watershed has experienced severe environmental impacts including: erosion and sedimentation, phosphorus and pollution inputs, highway runoff, and garbage disposal. In 1983, a study on the watershed was conducted and recommendations were submitted to the town. Many of the following improvements were considered and enacted during the mid 1980's: Erosion-sedimentation & phosphorus control, macrophyte/depth control, access development, area cleanup, and dam repairs.

Given the proximity to populated areas and the lack of such resources in the vicinity, the Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife would like to establish a fishery when environmental conditions have shown enough improvement. It is suspected that any fisheries program would focus on indigenous warmwater fish such as largemouth bass or black crappie.

Some trails and parking areas have been established along the pond and provide public access.

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