



CHAIN OF PONDS

Chain of Ponds Twp., Franklin County
U.S.G.S. Chain of Ponds, Maine (7½')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon	Redbelly dace
Lake trout (togue)	Blacknose dace
Brook trout	Creek chub
Rainbow smelt	Longnose sucker
Yellow perch	White sucker
Minnnows	Burbot (cusk)
Lake chub	Slimy sculpin
Common shiner	

Physical Characteristics

Area - 700 acres

Maximum depth - 106 feet

Temperatures:

Surface - 72°F

95 feet - 44°F

Principal fisheries: Landlocked salmon, lake trout, brook trout, rainbow smelt

Chain of Ponds consists of five interconnected ponds, Round, Natanis, Long, Bag, and Lower, located between Indian Stream Mountain and Sisk Mountain. Its main inlet, Horseshoe Stream, enters at the northwest end. The outlet, the North Branch of the Dead River, flows southeast into Flagstaff Lake. The shoreline is largely undeveloped.

Water quality in Chain of Ponds is suitable for coldwater gamefish. All five basins have cool, well-oxygenated water. Growth of salmonids is historically slow in the ponds, despite a healthy population of smelts as forage. Spawning and nursery habitats for salmon and brook trout are present in the tributaries and these wild populations provide a good fishery. Lake trout populations must be maintained with occasional stockings.

Access to Chain of Ponds is from Route 27, which parallels the eastern shore of the chain. A small boat access site is located at the northern end of Natanis Pond. The ponds are open to fishing in both the summer and winter seasons.

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