

Lower Sandy River Pond

Sandy River Plt., Franklin County
U.S.G.S. Saddleback Mountain, Maine (7½')

Fishes

Brook trout	Blacknose dace
Rainbow smelt	Creek chub
Minnows	Longnose sucker
Lake chub	White sucker
Golden shiner	Hornpout (bullhead)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 17 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 71°F
Maximum depth - 21 feet	16 feet - 53°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

Lower Sandy River Pond, located southwest of Saddleback Mountain, is the eastern-most in a series of three ponds. The main inlet flows in at the west end from nearby Middle Sandy River Pond. Its outlet, the Sandy River, leaves the eastern end. The pond's shoreline is lightly developed.

Water quality in Lower Sandy River Pond is marginal for coldwater gamefish with water deficient in oxygen below ten feet. Trout must compete for food and space with many other fish species. There is limited spawning habitat available and the pond is not directly stocked.

However, a brook trout fishery is maintained through a few native fish and hatchery dropdowns from Middle Sandy River Pond.

Lower Sandy River Pond is accessible via a foot trail leaving a gravel road off Route 4 or by canoe down the inlet. The pond is open to fishing with no live fish as bait in the summer and closed to icefishing. See the lawbook for additional regulations.

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