

### HALFMILE POND

Amherst Twp., Hancock Co.  
U.S.G.S. Great Pond, ME(7 1/2')

#### Fishes

Brook trout	White sucker
Minnows	Banded killifish
Golden shiner	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Redbelly dace	

#### Physical Characteristics

Area- 29 acres	Temperatures
	Surface- 75°F
Maximum depth- 18 feet	17 feet- 62°F

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Halfmile Pond is a small, remote water located in the hills of western Hancock county. You can drive part way to the pond via a rough, 4-wheel drive road which heads north off Route 9, the "Airline". The last 1/3- 1/2 mile must be traversed by foot. A distinctive feature of the pond's shoreline is the large bluff at the northern end.

Most of the pond is shallow, but a small volume of cool, sufficiently oxygenated water enables wild brook trout to survive through the summer. Most of these trout are probably produced in the outlet which contains sections of good quality spawning and nursery areas, although some natural reproduction may occur around natural springy areas within the pond.

Eight trout captured in a 1989 re-survey averaged 11.4in long, 11 ounces in weight, and were in excellent shape. Once the trout attain a length of 10" or more, they probably begin to prey extensively on the abundant dace, shiner and sunfish.

This pond should continue to be managed for wild brook trout. A special regulation (10-inch minimum length) ensures that most female trout have the chance to spawn before being subjected to angling mortality. The outlet should be kept free of obstructions so trout can migrate up into the pond.

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