

CROCKETT POND
Blanchard Plt., Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S., Kingsbury, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)
White sucker

Minnows
Golden shiner
Creek chub
Redbelly dace
Finescale dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 12 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 6 feet

Surface - 75° F.
6 feet - 75° F.

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Crockett Pond is located in the southwestern corner of Blanchard Plantation. Because of timber harvesting in the area a road has recently been constructed within 1/4 mile of the pond, and access to the pond involves only a short hike through a cut.

Crockett Pond is very shallow, with a bottom covered by a thick deposit of organic muck. The chemistry of the water in the pond is suitable for brook trout, but water temperatures during the summer months reach the maximum tolerable by trout, and restrict the distribution of trout to areas that are influenced by springs. Population of suckers and minnows are also found in Crockett Pond. These compete with the trout, and further limit its potential as a trout pond.

Spring seeps enter the pond on its northern and southern ends. They are full of muck, with no areas of gravel to provide suitable brook trout spawning habitat. As the trout population in Crockett Pond is maintained through natural reproduction, spawning must occur within the pond in gravel areas along the shore, or in the outlet. There are no obstructions on the outlet which would prevent fish movement in and out of the pond, and several small areas of gravel could provide the opportunity for trout spawning.

Crockett Pond will be managed for its wild trout population. Under existing conditions of use it should continue to produce a few trout each season, and occasionally a good-sized trout. The competition from suckers and minnows precludes a trout stocking program for the pond.

The daily bag limit should be reduced to 5 trout to help distribute the catch among anglers. People who are looking for a place to trap bait might want to consider Crockett Pond, as all of the minnow species are quite abundant.

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