

INDIAN POND
T8 R10, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Sebec Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)
Smelt

Minnows
Golden shiner
Lake chub

Physical Characteristics

Area — 70 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth — 26 feet

Surface — 75°F.
25 feet — 55°F.

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Indian Pond is one of several trout ponds located southeast of Lower Wilson Pond. It lies in a large tract of coniferous forest. A new system of logging roads constructed to facilitate timber harvesting in the area has made this body of water easily accessible.

Indian Pond has only a small area of deep water. Most of the water is less than 15 feet deep, but of adequate quality to support brook trout through the summer months. Water greater than 15 feet was found to have an oxygen deficiency.

In addition to brook trout, golden shiners and lake chubs were found during the survey. These minnow species were abundant in the shallow shoreline areas. Smelt are also known to be present. Together with the minnows they provide some competition for smaller trout, but forage for the larger ones. No new fish species should be introduced.

Brook trout taken during the survey were of a very desirable size. Indian Pond does not have a reputation for providing large numbers of trout to the angler. However, the several boats hidden along the shore indicate that fishing there is good some times during the season.

A small spring brook enters the pond from the north. It emerges from the forest through the alders with sufficient flow to keep the sand and gravel in the stream bed clear of silt and debris. It provides an excellent spawning site for the trout in the pond, as well as nursery area for young trout. Several were observed there during the survey. This inlet is also suitable as a spawning area for Indian Pond's smelt population.

The outlet flows through an old beaver dam. It is also blocked by several windthrown trees. Because upstream passage from this outlet is very difficult, it probably contributes little to the natural reproduction of trout in the pond.

Indian Pond can be reached by a short walk on a well defined trail leading from the main logging road in the area. It is no problem to carry a canoe over this trail.

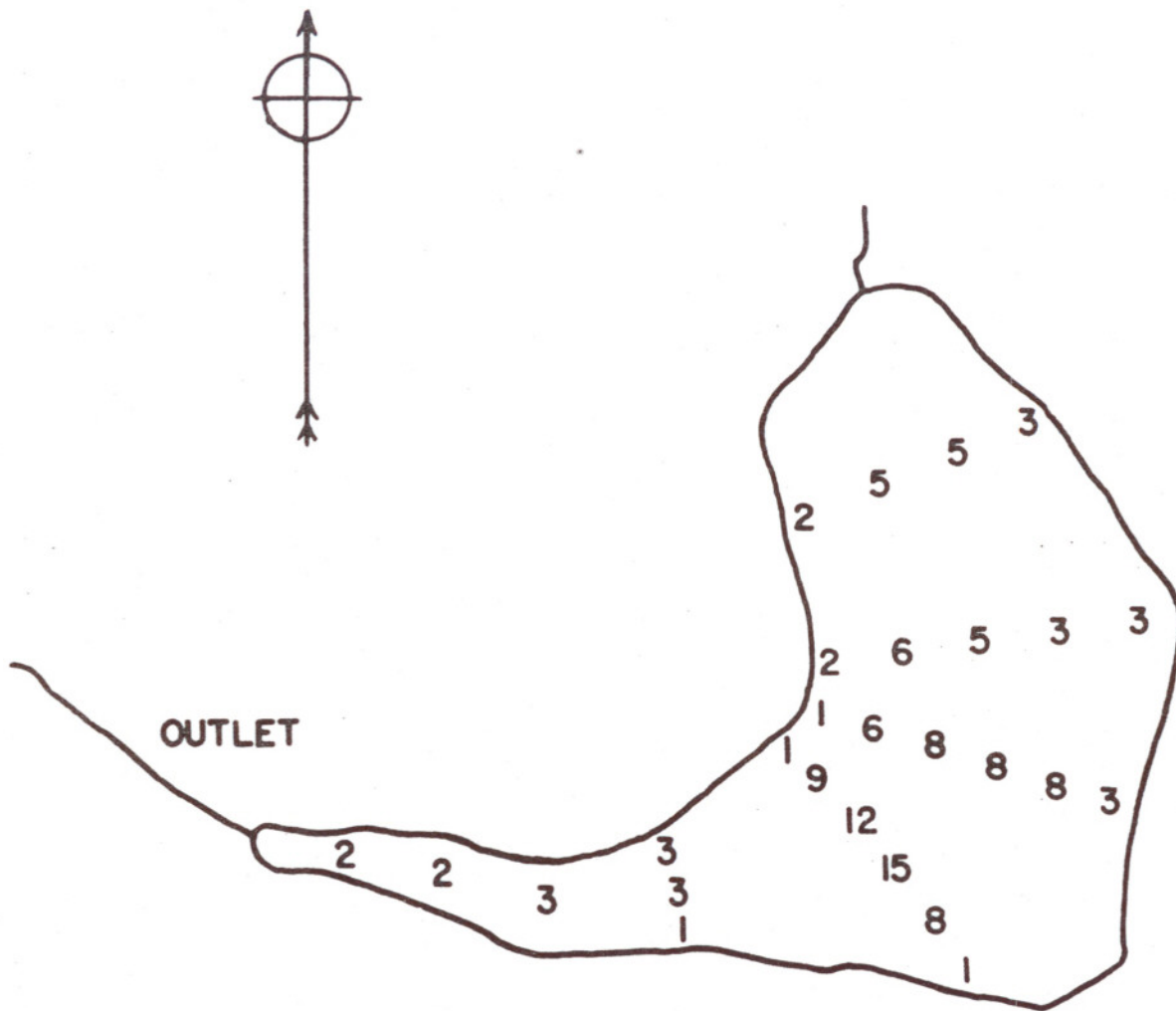
The pond will be managed for its wild brook trout population. Regulations limiting the daily bag to 5 trout and prohibiting the use or possession of live fish as bait have been established for this small pond to conserve its trout fishery.

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