

MOUNTAIN BROOK POND
West Bowdoin College Grant, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. First Roach Pond, Maine

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Physical Characteristics

Area — 21 acres

Maximum depth — 11 feet

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Temperatures

Surface — 68°F.

11 feet — 68°F.

Mountain Brook Pond is the largest of six trout ponds that lie in a remote mountain valley to the north of Horseshoe Pond. It is a shallow body of water, with aquatic vegetation present throughout much of its area.

In the past the pond was used to store water for driving logs down into the West Branch of the Pleasant River. The remains of the old dam are still evident on the outlet. This dam once held as much as five additional feet of water. However, a hole has been washed in the dam, and the water in the pond has reverted to its natural level. The old flowage area around the edge of the pond is gradually filling in with grasses, alders, and young trees.

Mountain Brook Pond provides ideal habitat for the wild brook trout population found there. The water quality is excellent for trout. The elevation of the pond, together with several cool tributaries and springs within the pond all contribute toward maintaining favorable summer water temperatures. Natural barriers downstream on the outlet have prevented other fish species from entering the pond. The brook trout there thrive in the absence of competition.

Brook trout spawning habitat is found in all of the tributaries, in the outlet, and in gravel areas around the shore of the pond. At times, beaver dams may obstruct movement into the tributaries, but sufficient spawning habitat is available in the other areas to maintain a large trout population.

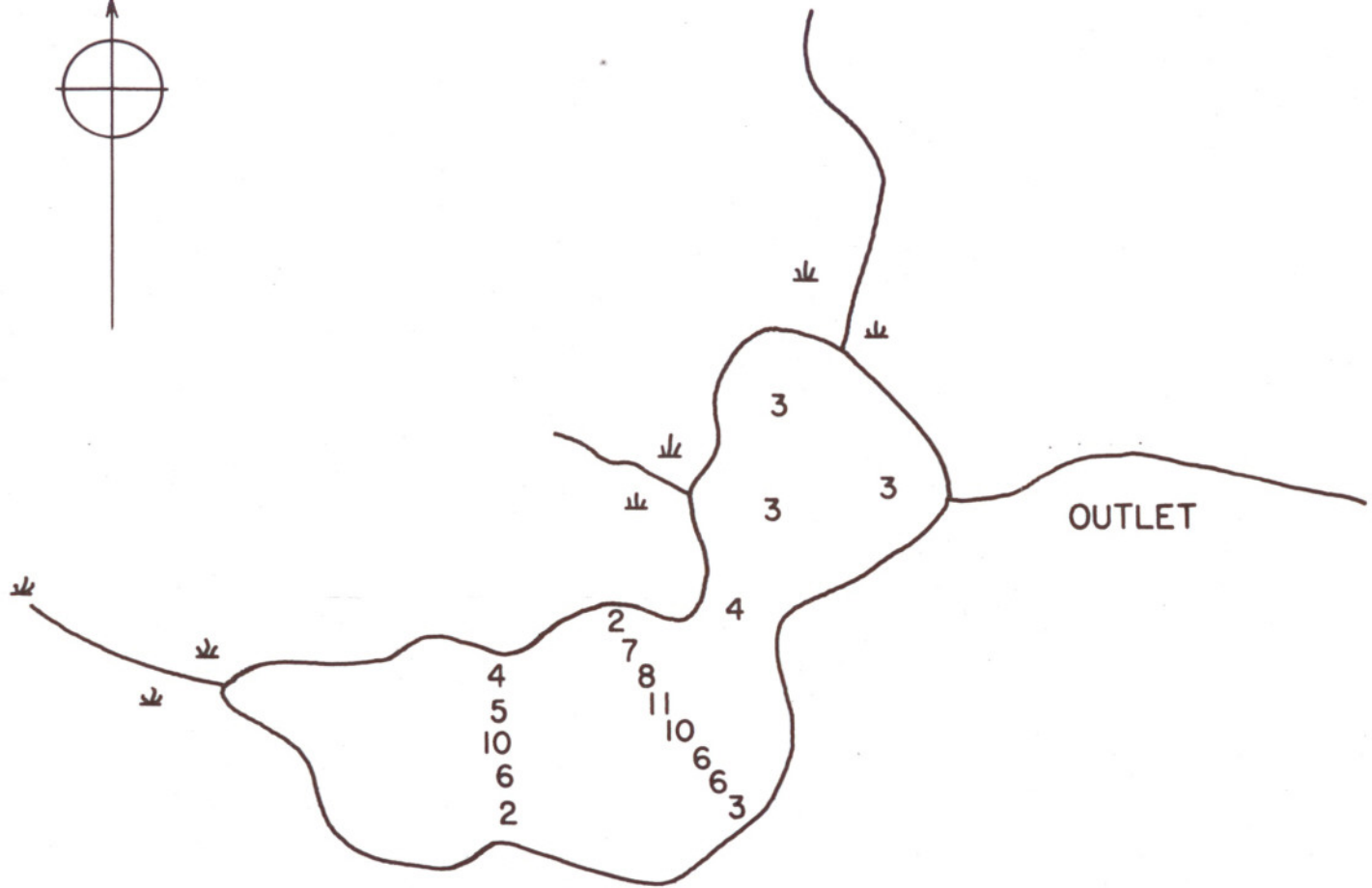
Access to Mountain Brook Pond is by foot trail, either from Horseshoe Pond or up from the West Branch of the Pleasant River. In order to protect the pond from development and improvements in access it should be zoned as a remote trout pond by the Land Use Regulation Commission.

Under existing conditions of access and use, the fly-fishing-only regulation with general law length and bag limits are adequate to maintain the wild brook trout fishery at Mountain Brook Pond.

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