

LANG POND and LITTLE LANG POND
Parlin Pond Twp. Somerset Co., Me.
U.S.G.S. Long Pond, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows

Blacknose dace

Physical Characteristics

LANG POND

Area - 30 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 67° F.

Maximum depth - 30 feet

28 feet - 39° F.

LITTLE LANG POND

Area - 13 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 18 feet

Surface - 73° F.

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Lang and Little Lang Ponds are situated in a predominantly spruce, fir and cedar swamp area, and they can be reached by a network of logging roads in the Cold Stream Pond area, so-called. Four-wheel drive vehicles can approach within 1/4-mile of the pond, where a poor trail through a wet cedar swamp may be followed to get to the larger of the two ponds. Two-wheel drive vehicles have to stop about 1/4-mile from the beginning of the trail, extending the walk to approximately 1/2 mile. A low ridge at the edge of the pond separates the shoreline from the swamp and results in a beautiful shoreline of spruce, fir and cedar with some pines interspersed.

Lang Pond is fairly deep over much of its area. A drop of about 10 feet is evident a short distance from shore most of the way around the pond. A fairly large section of the pond is 20 to 30 feet deep. The water temperature is cold and sufficient oxygen for trout is present to the 15 to 20-foot level. Below 20 feet there was no oxygen and therefore no fish life was there at the time of the survey. The trout grow to about 8 inches during their second summer (about normal), and some large trout are caught regularly on artificial flies. The smaller pond, known locally as Little Lang Pond, has excellent trout habitat and is visited regularly by anglers.

Trout reproduction probably occurs on the large springy gravelly area at the northeast end of the larger pond and in

the small tributaries at the northern end of the small pond. Natural reproduction is sufficient to keep the ponds well stocked. The short stream between the two ponds can support some small trout, and the outlet, which is sandy and spreads out in a cedar swamp, has a few small trout in it, but neither of these two streams has good facilities for spawning or nursery.

There are at least 10 boats and canoes left on the shore of the larger pond, and much litter from careless anglers who have fished these waters for many years. The landing should be cleaned and anglers should carry out everything they take in, including boats and canoes, to maintain a desirable wilderness atmosphere. The larger pond has a fly-fishing only regulation, but the small pond is general law. Both ponds should have 5-trout daily bag limits, and the smaller pond should have a no-live-fish-as-bait regulation to prevent introductions of fish that would cause these two excellent trout waters to deteriorate very rapidly.

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