



OUTLET

MIDAS # 5036

PARKER POND (Barker Pond)

LYMAN TWP., YORK CO., MAINE

AREA 26 ACRES



PARKER (BARKER) POND

Lyman Twp., York County
U.S.G.S. Bar Mills, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brook trout	Hornpout (bullhead)
Largemouth bass	Banded killifish
Chain pickerel	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Minnnows	American eel
Golden shiner	

Physical Characteristics

Area - 26 acres

Maximum depth - 23 feet

Temperatures:

Surface - 76°F

21 feet - 75°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout, largemouth bass

Parker Pond is a small, clear, weedless pond with a gravel bottomed shoreline. These characteristics have made it a popular swimming area for local people. This water is managed primarily for warmwater species, but it also provides a seasonal brook trout fishery.

This pond is homothermous, meaning the water does not separate into a warm upper layer and a cold bottom layer during the summer. Warm summer temperatures combined with a lack of cold springs makes this pond unsuitable for salmonid survival on a year round basis.

Largemouth bass were illegally introduced in the 1980's. Historically, populations of pickerel and hornpout existed, but it appears that the lack of cover and water clarity may have allowed largemouth bass to eliminate these species. In addition, it dominates the remaining fish species by effectively preying upon the young. These changes in species composition and abundance have allowed a change in fisheries management.

Fall fingerling brook trout are stocked when the water temperatures drop in the fall to provide additional opportunities for wintertime anglers. In addition, the remaining fish are available to anglers in the spring before water temperatures become unsuitable.

Currently, a private landowner allows access to anglers with non-motorized watercraft. To locate this access take the Mast Road off route 35 to a T-intersection, take a right, and look for a small picnic/beach area (access site) on the right-hand side.

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