

CRESCENT LAKE
Casco, Raymond, Twps., Cumberland County
U.S.G.S. Raymond, ME (7 ½')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon	White sucker
Rainbow smelt	Creek chubsucker
Smallmouth bass	Hornpout (bullhead)
Largemouth bass	Banded killifish
White perch	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Yellow perch	American eel
Chain pickerel	Cusk
Minnow	
Golden shiner	
Bridled shiner	
Fallfish (chub)	

Physical Characteristics

Area – 716 acres Maximum depth – 54 feet
Temperatures: surface - 79° F 50 feet - 51°

Principal fisheries: Largemouth bass, small mouth bass, landlocked salmon, white perch, cusk.

Crescent Lake has excellent water quality for warm water fisheries management. Extensive gravel shoreline, structure such as rock piles and weed beds, and an ample forage base provide excellent habitat for bass and pickerel. This lake consistently produces some of the best bass fishing in southern Maine.

Oxygen deficiency below 35 feet limits the potential for coldwater fisheries management. A layer of cool well-oxygenated water does exist in the thermo cline. This layer and a fair smelt population does provide the habitat for a limited salmon and trout fishery. Annual stocking of these species is necessary because there is no suitable spawning or nursery habitat. A limited cusk fishery also exists in the winter.

Crescent Lake is open both summer and winter with general law regulations. The Town of Raymond maintains a boat ramp along Route 85. The lake is also accessible from Panther Pond via the Tenny River.

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