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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