

THOMAS POND

Casco and Raymond Twps., Cumberland County
U.S.G.S. Naples and Raymond, Maine (7 ½')

Fishes:

Landlocked salmon	Chain pickerel
Brook trout	Minnows
Rainbow smelt	White sucker
Smallmouth bass	Hornpout (bullhead)
Largemouth bass	Pumpkinseed sunfish
White perch	Redbreast sunfish
Yellow perch	American eel

Physical Characteristics:

Area – 442 acres	Temperature:
Maximum depth – 64'	Surface - 78°F
	60' - 51°F

Principal fishery: brook trout, landlocked salmon, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, white perch.

Thomas Pond is well suited for both coldwater and warm water fisheries management. Shallow weedy coves, rocky shorelines, and a large forage base provide the necessary requirements to support a quality bass and pickerel fishery. In addition, the pond has enough cold well-oxygenated water to support a good trout and salmon population. Smelts provide a forage base for the salmon. An abundant white perch population provides

competition for both the trout and the bass, however, the large average size of the perch attracts many anglers to the pond.

The outlet of Thomas Pond drains directly into Sebago Lake, therefore, any fish stocked in Thomas Pond have the potential to drop down into Sebago. Consequently, the brown trout management program was discontinued many years ago in order to reduce potential conflicts with Sebago's landlocked salmon.

The public access to Thomas Pond is located near the outlet on Route 302 at the Raymond/Casco town line. Access is limited to small boats due to low clearance under the Route 302 bridge. It is necessary to travel upstream in order to reach the main lake.

Liberal regulations are in effect on bass. General law regulations apply on all other species both summer and winter.

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