Richardson Lakes

Magalloway Plt., Richardsontown Twp., and
Township C, Oxford County

U.S.G.S. Metallak Mtn, Maine (7½'),

U.S.G.S. Middle Dam, Maine (7½'),

U.S.G.S. Oquossoc, Maine (7½'), and

U.S.G.S. Richardson Pond, Maine (7½')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon Finescale dace Lake trout (toque) Fathead minnow Brook trout Creek chub Rainbow smelt Fallfish (chub) Yellow perch Pearl dace Minnows Longnose sucker Lake chub White sucker Golden shiner Hornpout (bullhead) Common shiner Slimy sculpin Redbelly dace Landlocked alewife

Physical Characteristics

Area - 5100 acres Temperatures Surface - $73^{\circ}F$ Maximum depth - 108 feet 100 feet - $46^{\circ}F$

Principal fishery: Landlocked salmon, lake trout, and brook trout

The Richardson Lakes are located west of Mooselookmeguntic Lake. The major inlet enters the upper east side from Mooselookmeguntic Lake at Upper Dam. It's outlet, the Rapid River, exits the southwest side at Middle Dam and flows west through Pond in the River to Umbagog Lake. The lake's shoreline is mostly undeveloped.

Water quality in the Richardson Lakes is excellent for coldwater gamefish. The spawning and nursery habitat available is insufficient to maintain salmonid population levels high enough to support fisheries. Salmon and brook trout must be stocked periodically to provide fisheries for these species. Lake trout stocking has been suspended to avoid establishing a wild population, which could have a serious competitor with salmon for food and space. All three salmonids exhibit good growth in the lake with only light competition for food and space.

The Richardson Lakes are accessible via two public launch sites. The Mill Brook Launch Site is located off Route 16 in Adamstown Township and the South Arm Launch Site is reached from the South Arm Road in Andover. The lakes are open to fishing with no live fish as bait in the summer months and closed to ice fishing. See the lawbook for additional regulations.

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