

GREAT EAST LAKE

Acton Twp., York Co.

Milton and Wakefield Twps., N.H.

U.S.G.S. Great East Lake, Me.-N.H. (7.5')

Fishes

Lake trout	Chain pickerel
Brown trout	Minnows
Rainbow trout	White sucker
Rainbow smelt	Hornpout (bullhead)
Smallmouth bass	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Largemouth bass	Slimy sculpin
White perch	American eel
Yellow perch	Landlocked alewife

Physical Characteristics

Area - 1,768 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 102 feet

Surface - 78° F

100 feet - 49° F

Principal fisheries: Lake trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel

Great East Lake has a large volume of cold, well-oxygenated water and extensive rocky shorelines, which makes it ideally suited for coldwater and warmwater fishery management. Lake trout (togue), introduced in 1956, have become established and utilize the rocky shoals for spawning. The extensive rocky, gravelly shoreline also serves as excellent spawning and nursery habitat for smallmouth bass.

Landlocked alewives were introduced by the Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) in 1972 to provide forage for the lake trout. The introduction was successful; however, the alewives

experience wide fluctuations in population levels. Recently, smelts have become established and should provide an excellent forage base for the lake trout. Abundant populations of white perch, yellow perch and pickerel also provide great angling opportunities.

A state owned boat launch, located adjacent to the outlet, provides ideal access to this lake.

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