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	
Brown trout	
Rainbow trout	
Rainbow smelt	
Smallmouth bass	
Largemouth bass	
White perch	
Yellow perch	

Chain pickerel Minnows White sucker Hornpout (bullhead) Pumpkinseed sunfish Slimy sculpin American eel Landlocked alewife

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Physical Characteristics

Area - 1,768 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 78° F
Maximum depth - 102 feet	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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