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INTRODUCTION

Spoiler alert! This story is about my successful completion of a difficult quest. I sailed, rowed, or paddled in 121 Maine lakes and ponds in 2024. The total included 100 new places I had not previously boated. Despite my efforts, there are still another 1,816 lakes ponds in Maine I have not visited: this is based on the 1,937 lake and pond maps developed by the Maine Fish & Game department. The list is incomplete as I went to 3 lakes and ponds that are not mapped.

I have used boating terminology that may not be known to all: I was going to put in a glossary, but that is what Google is for.

And yes, I know a preposition is a bad thing to end a sentence with.

See the separate location map, lakes and pond maps, and the spreadsheet at the end of this story.

WHY 100 LAKES AND PONDS?

When I retired on February 22, 2022 (2/22/22 – a Tuesday!), Covid was still the number 1 public health problem. Due to the Covid outbreak, I had been working mostly from home to avoid the plague. After I retired, I got out more, but nowhere back to normal. By 2024, I had been a homebody for four years.

My retirement plan included building and using lightweight boats I could transport on top of my Honda CRV. So far, I have built four boats:

- A 16-foot rowboat suitable for a small electric or gas motor *Medium*
- A 14-foot sailing canoe *Corsair* (not in this story)
- A 16-foot rowing wherry *Bicycle*
- A 6-foot 9-inch sailing pram Bride

Building boats was very enjoyable, but I was short on using them. All had been used on Caesar Pond, my local pond, but few adventure trips.

So, by January 2024, I had a four-year case of cabin fever and a yard full of boats. I needed a quest. A big quest. I set my brain to work. I looked at the Maine Delorme Gazetteer. I explored Google Maps. Eventually, I came up with a plan!

QUEST: SAIL (THEN BOAT) IN 100 LAKES AND PONDS IN MAINE

First, I decided on sailing my new pram *Bride* 100 places, many that had never been sailed. There are many small ponds in out of the way places I figured probably never had been sailed.

Then, looking at the map of Maine, I decided I needed to visit the extremities – north, south, east, and west.

I couldn't forget the geographic center of Maine – Sebec Lake is less than a mile from the center of Maine: I guess this makes Dover-Foxcroft the center of everything!

The next natural extension was to go to at least one place in all 16 Maine counties.

The biggest lake, Moosehead, was easy to find; but what is the smallest pond in Maine? There is no agreement anywhere as a big puddle could be called a pond. I did go to 1 of at least 8 named "Lost Pond", this one in Mt. Vernon; I calculated it was about 4 acres.

As I was making the rules, I decided there was no minimum requirement for how long or how far travelled to qualify a place. I stayed 5-minutes in a couple of places up to a couple of days in a few others. I averaged 60 to 90-minutes at each place and traveled 2 to 3 miles.

The mission needed to change due to a lifting restriction placed on me by my Urologist on June 11th. I nearly gave up the quest, but then I remembered I was making the rules. I changed the quest from sailing to boating switching to my packraft that weighed less than a gallon of milk (the lifting restriction). This change meant I could visit many more places in a day as the packraft setup time from inside the car to launch is less than 5 minutes. The *Bride* transported on my car rooftop takes at least 30 minutes to unload, prepare for launching, and reload after each use.

LAKE AND POND SELECTION CRITERIA

I had a mission, now I needed places to go. I started a spreadsheet list of possibilities. I spent hours looking on Google Maps and comparing with the Delorme Atlas. In many cases, boat launches were shown on one place, but not the other. I found a list of 582 boat launches compiled by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry.

The list was helpful, but not all inclusive. For example, Caesar Pond is not on the list, it has a gravel boat launch. It does not show on Google Maps or the Delorme Atlas.

Lake and Pond selection criteria:

- Completely in Maine, none on the border with Canada or New Hampshire
- Legal public access, no midnight trips sneaking into someone's backyard or closed water reservoirs
- Go to many of my existing favorite places
- Go to many new places

THE BOATS USED

Bride (short, fat, and wide)

The *Bride* is a 6'-9" by 44" beam sailing pram weighing 44 pounds for the bare hull. The design is called "Portage Pram", sold in kit form from Duckworks Boat Builders Supply. The Bride was the fourth retirement boat built in my garage workshop.

The sail rig is a simple boom-less sleeved sail on a two-piece carbon fiber windsurfer mast. The sail has three full width stiff battens that make a boom unneeded and also makes brailing the sail impossible. The biggest disadvantage of the sail is the inability to easily lower the sail while underway. In 2025, I plan to re-rig the Bride with a new balanced lug sail, mast, and spars making for a better sailboat for fishing.

There are two oarlock positions for rowing alone or with two people in the boat. When sailing, I can row forward using the front oarlock position when the wind dies.

I modified the standard kit to better suit my needs. I offset the daggerboard case to allow room for a through hull fish finder transducer and to increase the under seat storage space. I installed a more robust mast step, used waterproof kayak hatches on the floatation compartments, a weighted the rudder with lead to avoid needing a rudder hold down line.

Being so short, fat, and wide, it is not a fast boat sailing or rowing – 3 to 4 mph at best. During my first few sails, I found the boat liked to sail backwards! The original tiller configuration, in such cramped quarters of a less than 7-foot boat, made it difficult to come about without losing the grip on tiller while switching hands resulting in pointing straight into the wind (in irons). In a few moments, I was underway again, backwards. While going

backwards, the rudder is ineffective — I'm sure I amused anyone watching. I fixed the problem by shortening the tiller and adding a hinged extension I could tuck under my arm. The tiller extension eliminated the need to switch hands while tacking.



The Bride

Blueberry

The *Blueberry* is an Alpacka Raft "Caribou" inflatable packraft designed for bikepacking with lash points on the bow for a folding bicycle. The raft only weighs 4.5 pounds. The full kit (storage bag, inflation bag, and patch kit) weighs 6 pounds and the rated load is 400-pounds. The packraft is made from very lightweight urethane coated nylon. Despite the light weight, the material is quite strong and abrasion resistant. I have not managed to cut it in many trips, but I am careful with it! I use a 210 cm kayak paddle to power the *Blueberry*.

When I first got the *Blueberry*, I thought I needed calm windless conditions. However, I have successfully paddled upwind in whitecap conditions – 15-mph winds. The no wind speed is typically a little less than 3-mph, so it isn't good for long distances.

I used the *Blueberry* on an overnight camping trip to Scraggly and Shaw lakes (not in this list as it was a return trip to both lakes). I carried backpacking gear; it was snug in the boat, but I had everything I needed.



The Blueberry

Pickle

The *Pickle* is another Alpacka Raft "Scout" inflatable packraft designed for backpacking. The full kit is a little over 4 pounds and has a 200 pound load rating.

I liked the *Blueberry* so much, I bought another smaller and lighter packraft primarily for backpacking. I did use it a lot in the quest for 100 lakes and ponds as it fit inflated in the back of my car better that the bigger *Blueberry*. The *Pickle* paddles as well as the *Blueberry* at about the same speed but is wetter in windy conditions.

The *Pickle* went with me on two hiking trips. I carried it in a small backpack up Tumbledown Mountain to Tumbledown Pond (#078). Pickle was strapped to the bottom of my pack for my Horserace Pond/Rainbow Lake 12-mile hiking trip (#099 to #102). It is so light I hardly noticed it there. I use the two-piece paddle as hiking poles.



The Pickle

Bicycle

The *Bicycle* is an Angus Rowboats "Oxford Wherry" built from plans. A bicycles is also two tired – weary. There is now a kit version with CNC cut plywood pieces that I would have bought if it was available at the time. The design is a fast narrow boat designed for performance, made from 4mm marine plywood panels with stitch and glue construction. A sliding seat kit is available. I chose not to build it as sliding seat rowing hurts my replacement hip. The boat is 15'-10" long with a 38-inch beam rated for a 500-pound touring load. The boat weight is about 55-pounds, easy to lift onto the car.

The Bicycle was the third boat I built and my current favorite. It is fast – cruise all day at 4 mph, easy to go 4.5 mph, and 5 mph with a little effort. It tracks straight, making it difficult to turn, but I can live with that. The low sides makes it good in the wind. It is not so good in 3 foot lobster boat wakes!

I built it with a through hull fish finder transducer (as all my boat builds).

The Bicycle holds more gear than I need for remote camping trips. It is slower heavily loaded, but still handles the same. It is also great for fishing. It drifts downwind in a straight line at about a broad reach, direction of travel can be controlled by swapping the windward side – sort of like tacking downwind.



The Bicycle at Scraggly Lake loaded for camping

Medium

The *Medium* is Jim Michalak designed "Oracle" built from plans. I chose the design for my first retirement boat due to the ease of construction, stability, and load capacity. The stitch and glue construction is made with 6mm marine plywood. The boat is 15'-6" long with a 45-inch beam. The weight is about 90-pounds, about 10-pounds more than standard as I added large floatation compartments in the bow and stern to make the boat unsinkable. It is all I can do to get it on the roof top car rack.

I intended the *Medium* for coastal ocean rowing and fishing. It works very well, not as fast as the *Bicycle*, but much better in 3 foot lobster boat wakes!

I modified the transom for an electric motor or 2.5 hp outboard. A small electric trolling motor will drive the boat 4 mph.



The Medium

HEALTH ISSUE

The execution of my quest hit a major snag on June 11. Between the start on May 3 and June 11, I had visited 24 lakes and ponds.

During a visit with my Urologist for a problem with, well, parts that the fair female readers do not have, I mentioned I was lifting my 44-pound *Bride* onto the car roof rack. The doctor said STOP, do not lift anything heavier than a gallon of milk (8-pounds) and no biking! But Doc, I'm on a quest! Nuts was the answer.

I thought about abandoning my quest, then I remembered I was making the rules. So I changed the mission from sailing to boating, pulled out the 4.5-pound *Blueberry*, and I was back in business. I decided paddling was not *technically* lifting.

The packraft made it possible to go more places per day as it stored inside the car mostly inflated. With the *Bride*, I managed three lakes and ponds a day. The packrafts made five a day easy.

The medical issue did not resolve itself by not biking & lifting. I had surgery on July 29. By August 19 restrictions were lifted. I went to 54 more lakes and ponds during this period. I continued to use the packrafts as they were much quicker to launch and stow than the rooftop boats.

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DAY TRIPS

I started my adventure by visiting local lakes and ponds, including many I had not taken the time to explore previously. I became very good at finding my way to boat launches on back roads with nothing but the Delorme Atlas and a Garmin GPS to guide my way. I remember the days when neither were available! Often I counted the number of dirt roads from a stream crossing to find the correct turn to a boat launch. Many boat launches are not well labeled!

On May 3, the Bride was finally ready. I launched in Caesar Pond (#001), across the street from home. It was a successful maiden cruse (I stayed upright). Caesar Pond is my most boated pond ever, so it was a good place to start. I have never seen another sailboat in the pond.



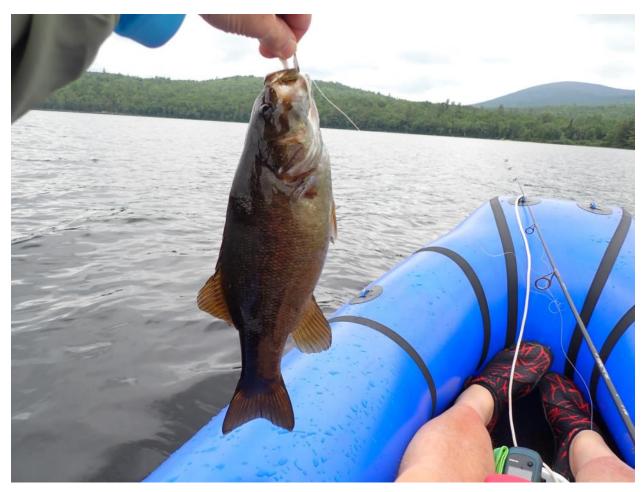
#001 Caesar Pond, May 3

All the rest of the lakes and ponds were further away! I visited more local places until May 22 when I started my geographical adventures with a trip to Scituate Pond (#014) in York, the southernmost body of water open to boating. There are other more southern ponds, but they are all reservoirs closed to boating. The pond is surprisingly undeveloped on most of the shoreline. Nice place, but I don't plan to return.



#014 Scituate Pond, May 22 - Southernmost Location

The next longer day trip was to Sturtevant Pond (#025) marking the first packraft trip. It is a difficult place to get to including driving through a part of New Hampshire. I had planned to stealth camp on one for the side logging roads shown on Google Maps, but I found the satellite image to be very outdated as the logging roads are very much grown over. The lake is very nice, with clear water, undeveloped, sandy beaches, Smallmouth Bass, and Pickerel. It would be worth returning but for the long drive and no good camping spot.



#025 Sturtevant Pond, June 12 Smallmouth Bass - Westernmost Location

The longest day trip was to Sebec Lake (#057), at the geographical center of Maine. It is a lovely place, but too built-up for me. There is a big marina close to the boat launch with plenty of big power boats and sailboats.



#057 Sebec Lake, July 22 - Geographical Center of Maine

Tumbledown Pond (#078) was the highest pond (2500-feet) with a 1500-foot elevation gain in the 3.7-mile round trip. The trail is now much steeper than the last time I climbed with Sarah on August 14, 2002! Twenty two years later, to the day, I left home early to beat the crowd – it is a very popular place. There was nobody there when I got to the top, but I passed 60 to 75 people coming in on the way out.

This was my 6th or 7th trip to the pond. It was a popular Blueberry Cove Camp overnight trip destination, a great place to take kids.

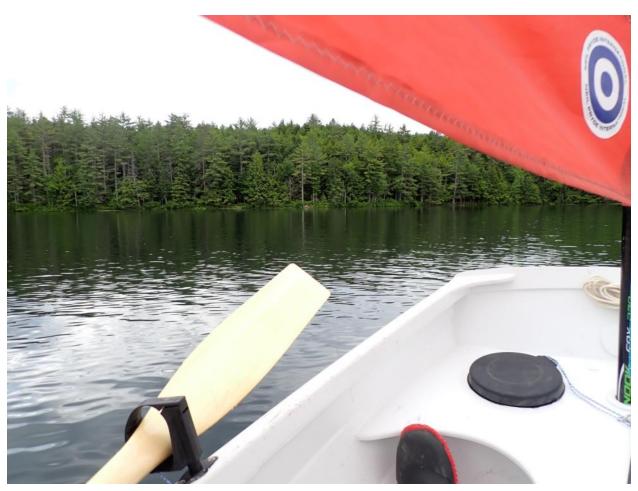


Sarah at Tumbledown Pond 2002

My favorite local area is up Route 41 from Winthrop to New Sharon. 11 lakes and ponds, mostly rocky shores with good looking fishing spots. No big powerboats or loads of people.

- Maranacook Lake (#015)
- Torsey Lake (#019)
- Echo Lake (#20)
- Taylor Pond (#021)
- Minnehonk Lake (#022)
- Parker Pond (#023)
- Basin Pond (#024)
- Flying Pond (#045)
- Crowell Pond (#046)
- Egypt Pond (#047)
- Norcross Pond (#048)

One of my favorites is the undeveloped Basin Pond – a 27 acre pond that is over 100 feet deep. Access is by a 1/4 mile hike in on a good gravel trail. It was easy to roll the *Bride* in on a boat cart. I might have been the first to sail here. I didn't catch any of the Brook Trout seen by my fish finder, but there is always next time!

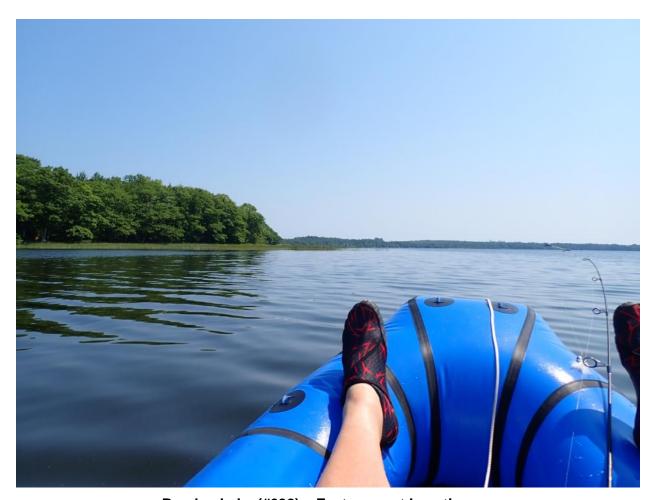


Basin Pond (#024)

OVERNIGHT TRIPS – 16 NIGHTS

Trip 1 Downeast – Easternmost – 1 night

I started the overnight trips on Jun 19, with a one night jaunt to Boyden Lake (#032), the easternmost lake or pond in Maine. I did all of my overnight trips on weekdays to avoid the crowd, but I expect there is not much of a crowd at Boyden Lake at any time! There is a nice boat launch. The water was very clear with a rocky bottom. The lake is not deep (34-feet). After Boyden, I went to Meddybemps Lake (#033), Crawford Lake (#034), Love Lake (#035), and 1st Machias Lake (#036) where I spent the night. There were 4 other guys at the Wonderland Campsite (a free state campsite). They were hanging out on their vacation – they didn't even fish!



Boyden Lake (#032) - Easternmost Location

The next day, I stopped at Salmon Pond (#037), Pleasant River Lake (#038), and Lower Lead Mountain Pond (#039) on the way home. I caught two Smallmouth Bass at Pleasant River Lake, the first one was a whooper, but I didn't get a photo. I would have stopped more places on the way home, but the sun was too bright and I was sun burnt.



Pleasant River Lake (#038) Smallmouth Bass

Trip 2 Aroostook - Northernmost - 2 nights

Due to a poor weather forecast, the 2nd trip was not tent camping, but motel camping. I drove 5 hours to Fort Kent on Sunday afternoon, June 30th. The next morning, I drove another 1.75-hours to Jones Pond (#049) entering the North Maine Woods land at The Little Black River gate. According to the gate log, I was the only person in the 250+ square mile area that day! Jones Pond is a lovely 77-acre, 40-feet deep gravel-bottom pond. I fished for 1.5-hours for native (not stocked) Brook Trout, but the Fishing Gods were not smiling. I stopped at Falls Pond (#050) on the way out. The water was only about 4 feet deep and full of weeds. I didn't make it into Little Falls Pond, as the path to the pond is abandoned and impassable. During the trip saw 3 Ruffed Grouse, 2 Deer (mother & fawn), 1 cow Moose, and 1 Snowshoe Hare plus lots of wildflowers.



Jones Pond (#049) - Northernmost Location

I went back to Fort Kent (a lovely town) for another night of motel camping. The next day, I stopped at Eagle Lake (#051) – a tourist trap heavily built up. Then St. Froid Lake (#052) where I visited my next-door neighbor at his camp. He directed me to a good fishing spot where I caught a small Landlocked Salmon.



St. Froid Lake (#052) Small Salmon

Trip 3 Junior Lake Area – 3 nights

I was cleared to lift things again by August 19, so I took a 3 night trip to our old stomping ground at Junior Lake and the connected lakes. The dam at Grand Lake Stream, built in 1851, raised the water level in the drainage enough to make the waterway navigable about 20 miles from West Grand Lake all the way to Scraggly Lake. We have been going here for 41 years!

On the way to Junior Lake (#082), I stopped at East Musquash Lake (#079) and West Musquash Lake (#080). East Musquash Lake is on Route 6 and has an easy access boat launch. West Musquash is south of East Musquash off the Amazon Road. Access is by a very rough half mile rock-filled "road", barely navigable by my Honda CRV. The lake is mostly undeveloped with nice beaches and rocky shoreline. There is another road off Route 1 that may be better. The lake would have made my top list other than the "road".



West Musquash Lake (#080)

I launched the *Bicycle* at the Hasty Cove boat launch on Scraggly Lake (#081) and rowed to the McKinney Point campsite on Junior Lake. I had never camped there before, so another first. The campsite doesn't have a good boat landing – probably why it took 40-years to find. It would not be a good spot except the Smallmouth Bass fishing is exceptional. The campsite is very well sheltered with islands all around.



McKinney Campsite on Junior Lake (#082)

The next day, I rowed up Bottle Stream to Bottle Lake (#083) and up the outlet stream to Keg Lake (#084). The Bottle shoreline is covered in cottages so is not interesting. Keg Lake has a couple of cottages, but is mostly undeveloped. It has nice sandy/gravel beaches, very much worth returning when camping on Junior. I raised the *Bicycle* sail on the way back to McKinney Point. No dagger board, so it is only good downwind to about a broad reach.



Keg Lake (#084) Sailing Bicycle

Next up was the longest distance day (15 miles) of the quest; it was on to Norway Lake (#085), down Junior Stream, West Grand Lake (#086), Pug Lake (#087) and back to the McKinney Point campsite. We had been down Junior Stream to West Grand several times. Norway and Pug lakes were new places.

After a couple of months in the slow packrafts, it was good to go fast in the *Bicycle*. 15 miles in a packraft would be quite a day! The weather was damp, then wet – totally dust-free.

Norway Lake is a fairly small lake with a warm-water fishery. It is mostly undeveloped. Junior Stream connects Junior Lake to Junior Bay in West Grand Lake. I didn't travel far in West Grand, I just rowed up to Pug Lake and back. Pug Lake was much smaller before the dam was built. Pug Lake is incorrectly called Pig Lake in the Delorme Atlas.



Rocks at the Entrance of Pug Lake (#087)

Trip 4 Scraggly Lake with Helen – 4 nights

The next trip was our annual Scraggly Lake canoe trip with Helen starting September 11. I can't count Scraggly again as it was part of my Junior Lake Trip. We stayed 4 nights on the camping island at the east end of the lake.

I took the *Pickle* into Shaw Lake (#097) on September 12, for the first ever visit. The trip to Shaw was paddling north across Scraggly to the end of a cove, bushwhacking about 750-feet to the road by the Shaw Lake outlet stream, launching in the stream, portaging over a beaver dam, and into the lake. It was very much worth the effort! Shaw quickly became the find of the year. It is undeveloped, no established campsites, I suspect few people go there. There are a few boats on the northwest shore of the lake and an ATV trail through the woods out to the Harper Lane road. Shaw has large (3+ pound) Small Mouth Bass, huge (14-inch) White Perch, and Pickerel. Most of the lake is 15 feet deep with the deepest spot about 30 feet. Most of the north shore is a gravel and sand beach. There is a large deposit of white chalk on the north shore. It is so bright from over 1/2 mile away, I had to go see what it was. Since the first visit I have been back twice with the fishing better each time as I found the Smallmouth Bass hideouts.



Shaw Lake (#097) Boat Launch (not much of one!)



Shaw Lake Chalk Deposit



Shaw Lake 14-inch White Perch

The next day, Helen and I went to the T7R2 Pleasant Lake (#098). It was a canoe paddle to the east end of Scraggly, paddle up the connecting stream, and a half-mile hike up the Pleasant Lake road. There is a big campsite full of RV's. It is hard to believe this spot is less than 2-miles from Shaw Lake. There are 15 Pleasant Lakes or Ponds in Maine; this one is in T7R2 (Township 7 – Range 2). While 15 Pleasant Lakes or Ponds seem like a lot, there are 35 Long Lakes or Ponds in Maine. There are both warm-water and cold-water fisheries in Pleasant Lake, probably the reason for the RV camp.



Pleasant Lake (#098) Photo by Helen

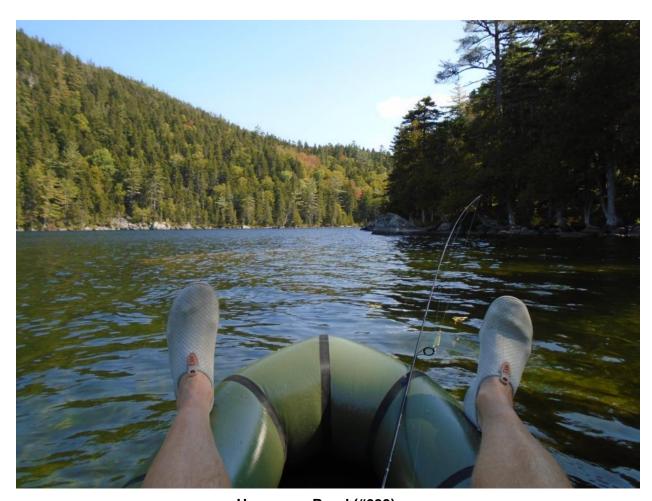
Trip 5 Rainbow Lake (Number 100!) - 2 nights

I carefully managed my schedule so Rainbow Lake would be number 100. Rainbow is still my favorite Maine lake. I first hiked in with three other Enterprise Engineering co-workers in 1987 or 1988. By my calculations, it is the largest lake in Maine with no road access.

On September 17, I strapped the *Pickle* on the bottom of my pack. I use the two-piece kayak paddle as hiking poles. I've upgraded all my hiking gear to be ultra-lightweight. I purchased a new 2-pound solo tent with this trip in mind.

This trip was also the longest hiking trip of the quest. I started at the Horserace Deadwater trailhead, hiked into Horserace Pond (#099). I first went to Horserace Pond with my father while working for Cianbro in the summer of 1977 building sewerage lift stations in Millinocket. We would leave work, buy a sandwich for supper, drive up the Golden Road, hike the 1.9 miles into the pond, and fly-fish for the native Brook Trout until almost dark.

On this trip, I caught one small Brook Trout in Horserace.

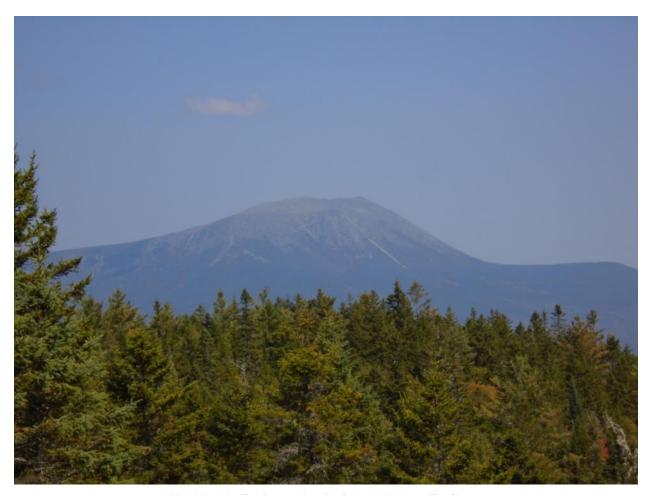


Horserace Pond (#099)

From Horserace I hiked 5 miles over the new Rainbow Loop Trail cresting the hill north of Rainbow and down to Clifford and Woodman ponds on the way to Rainbow Lake (#100). The view from the heights was spectacular! The hike passed two unnamed small ponds. I would have launched in both, but I wanted Rainbow to be #100.

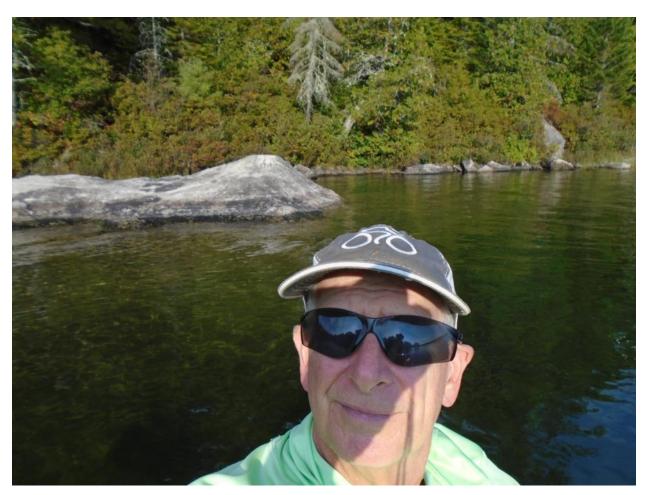


Rainbow Lake (#100) from the heights of the Rainbow Loop Trail



Mt. Katahdin from the Rainbow Loop Trail

Rainbow Lake has not changed in any meaningful way since my first visit in the last century. The Blue Trail has been rerouted and greatly improved; despite this, it seems that fewer people hike in than in the early days. Probably because there is no cell phone reception! I caught a few trout, including a 14 incher – not huge by Rainbow standards. My brother Jim caught one over 5 pounds – a real whooper.



The Rainbow Lake Lucky Fishing Rock



14" Rainbow Lake Brook Trout

The next day, I hiked up the Blue Trail to Woodman Pond (#101) and paddled up the connecting stream to Clifford Pond (#102). Woodman is a very shallow (4 feet) muddy bottom small pond. Luckily, there is a nice boat launch rock to avoid getting stuck in the mud. Clifford is larger and deeper. It has some large Brook Trout, but they are stocked as there are insufficient streams and brooks for natural reproduction. I didn't catch any fish.

After fishing in Rainbow the next morning, I hiked out and stopped to paddle in Ambajejus Lake (#103) and Millinocket Lake (#104) on the way home. Both lakes are nice enough, but heavily built up.



Woodman Pond (#101)

Trip 6 Moosehead Region - 3 nights

After achieving my quest of 100 lakes and ponds, I decided to raise the bar. I changed the goal to 100 <u>new</u> places – only 16 more to go! I combined a trip to the ponds around the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) Medawistla lodge on Second Roach Pond and the annual Traditional Small Craft Association (TSCA) Moosehead Lake gathering.

I drove up to the AMC land and launched the *Pickle* in Trout Pond (#105), paddled across the pond, short portage to Fourth Roach Pond (#106), paddled across Fourth Roach Pond, portaged to Third Roach Pond (#107), paddled in Third Roach Pond, then returned to car back tracing the route. Fishing was not good – Yellow Perch and Chubs. I was not finished for the day; off to the Medawistla lodge and a paddle in Second Roach Pond (#108) and 3 more Chubs.



Short Portage to Third Roach Pond (#107) Along Connecting Stream



Second Roach Pond (#108) Trophy Chub

I spent two nights in the Medawistla bunkhouse (my favorite spot to winter camp!). This is really roughing it – hot showers, sauna, meals, and a soft bed.

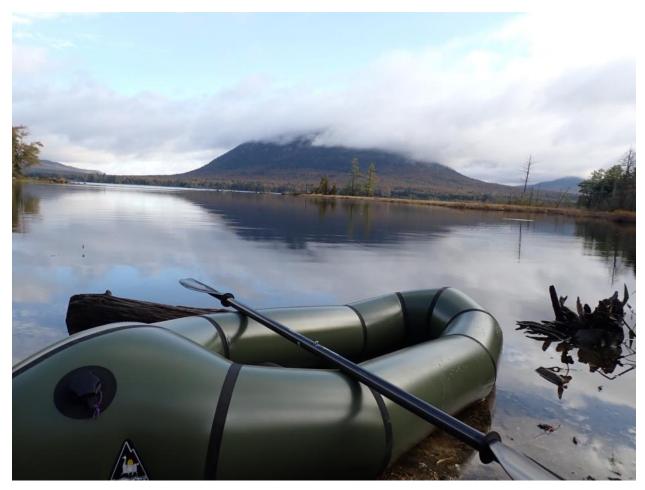
The next day was on to more local ponds: Penobscot Pond (#109), First Roach Pond (#110), First West Branch Pond (#111), Second West Branch Pond (#112), and Third West Branch Pond (#113). The weather was damp and the fish were not biting. I suspect Second West Branch Pond has very good fishing based on the large number of boats on the shore.

Another sauna, shower, a hot dinner, and a bunkhouse completed the day.



Second West Branch Pond (#112) Boats

On the way to Lily Bay State Park, I stopped at Spencer Pond (#114) and Prong Pond (#115). Spencer Pond is very scenic, with Little Spencer Mountain at the north end of the pond. Fishing is not so good due to the Yellow Perch illegally introduced years ago. There is an RV campsite nearby, but not on the pond itself.



Spencer Pond (#114)

Prong Pond (#115) is just off the Lily Bay Road. It is another native Brook Trout pond gone bad by illegal fish stocking; Yellow Perch, White Perch, and Smallmouth Bass were put in the pond and now dominate the fishery. Worse, they have gone down the outlet stream into Moosehead Lake.

I caught 4 12-inch Brook Trout in about 5 minutes. This is not normal. Sure enough, I checked the fish stocking list; 2 days before 1100 12-inch Brook Trout were stocked in the pond.



Prong Pond (#115) 12" Stocked Brook Trout

I camped one night in Lily Bay State Park with the TSCA group. It was very windy limiting fishing and making rowing difficult in Moosehead Lake (#116).

Trip 7 Machias Lakes – 1 night

One last trip on October 2, in order to get to 100 new places! I looped around from Route 6 to Route 9 on the gravel logging roads.

Duck Lake (#117) is close to Junior Lake, but is not connected by a navigable stream. It is lightly developed, nice, but the much nicer Shaw Lake is close by.

Lower Sysladobsis Lake (#118) and Pocumcus Lake (#119) are connected to the West Grand Lake. Going from Lower Sysladobsis Lake to Pocumcus Lake would require a short portage. The boat launch on Pocumcus Lake is at yet another RV campsite, but there are not many people around in October.

Third Machias Lake (#120) and Second Machias Lake (#121) are in the Machias River drainage. Both are warm water fisheries with Smallmouth Bass as the main attraction. Third Machias Lake used to have a 5 foot dam for log drives, removed in the early '70's. This left a nice gravel beach on much of the shoreline!

The boat launch on Third Machias Lake is on the Machias River. It is a short paddle up the river to the lake. It is a beautiful undeveloped lake, very much worth returning.

At last, Second Machias Lake, the 100th new place. I have driven by the lake many times, mostly while in the area bird hunting (Ruffed Grouse aka partridge). It is not deep, but another scenic lake that I will return to for more fishing.

One more night at the Wonderland campsite on First Machias Lake, then on home with my quest complete!



Second Machias Lake (#121) – it's not summer anymore!



Second Machias Lake Smallmouth Bass (last of the year)

BEST NEW PLACES FOUND

Here are photos of some of the best new places I found in 2024. Most are minimally developed, but several are down town in small villages. I hope to return to all of them in the future.



Cochnewagon Pond (#004), Downtown Monmouth



Maranacook Lake (#015), Downtown Winthrop



Minnehonk Lake (#022), Downtown Mt. Vernon



Parker Pond (#023), Vienna



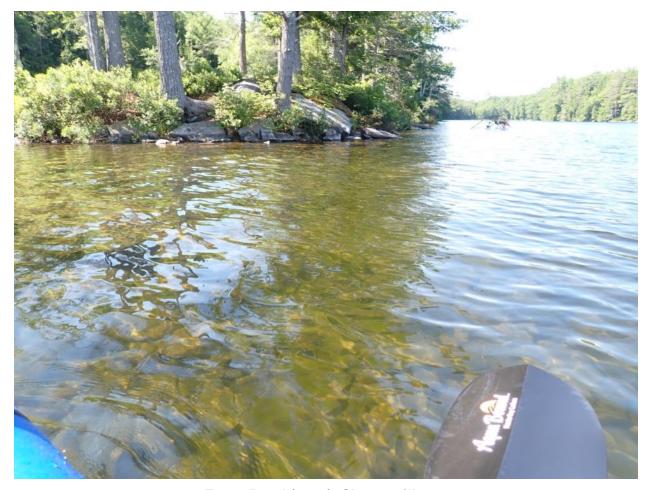
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Egypt Pond (#047), Chesterville



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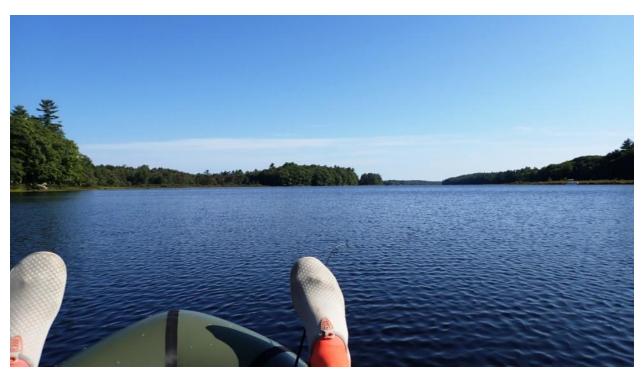
Lake George (#064), Canaan



Moose Pond (#067), Hartland



East Pond (#092), Oakland



Long Pond (#094), Jefferson



Crystal Pond (#095), Washington



Washington Pond (#096), Washington



Shaw Lake (#097), T6R1



3rd Machias Lake (#120), T43MD



2nd Machias Lake (#121), T37MD

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

I started May 3 and finished October 2, totaling 152 days. I took 7 overnight trips over 22 days and 30 day trips for a total of 52 days. 52 days in 152 = 34.2% days boating.

I went boating in 121 (11²) lakes and ponds including 100 (10²) new places. I found 18 new places to return, mostly for fishing.

I only caught 63 fish. I caught few in the *Bride* as both hands are needed for sailing and the sail is very difficult to lower underway. I also caught fewer fish overall because of short trips to new places.

I took over 3400 photos. A few of them are shown here.

NEXT YEAR?

I have been considering a quest for 2025. First thought was 100 bars & taverns, but that would be expensive and hard on my liver. I think I'm going with take portraits of 100 people.

LINKS

Maine boat launches:

https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/water_activities/boating/public_boat_launches/boat_si_tes.shtml

Maine lake and pond depth maps:

https://www.maine.gov/ifw/fishing-boating/fishing/lake-survey-maps/index.html

Alpacka Raft:

https://alpackaraft.com/

Duckworks Boat Builders Supply:

https://duckworks.com/

Angus Rowboats:

https://angusrowboats.com/

TRIP DETAILS

001 Caesar Pond

Date: May 3, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 6 A3

Town: Bowdoin
Boat: Bride

Launch Point: Caesar Pond WMA, gravel launch

Weather: Very light wind

Comments: First voyage! Tiller is too long, everything else working fine. Cut 6-inches off the

tiller after the sail.

002 Pleasant Pond (center section)

Date: May 6, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 E4

Town: Litchfield

Boat: Bride

Launch Point: State launch on Thorofare Road, concrete launch

Weather: Very light wind

Comments: First trip with the Bride on the roof rack. No problem picking it up onto the rack. Wind died so I rowed back to the launch (forward rowing sitting on the bottom of the boat with

the sail up).

003 Woodbury Pond

Date: May 7, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 D3

Town: Litchfield

Boat: Bride

Launch Point: State launch on the north end of the pond, concrete launch

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 to 15 mph

Comments: Finally some wind. Light with gusts to about 15 mph. Sailed almost entire length of the pond – too long! Got cramped up in the boat, need to limit sailing time to about an hour in

the Bride.

004 Cochnewagon Pond

Date: May 10, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 D2

Town: Monmouth

Boat: Bride

Launch Point: State launch on the east side of the pond, concrete launch

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 10 mph

Comments: First time in this pond. It is mostly built up, except the south west side that has

railroad tracks.

005 Sabattus Pond

Date: May 10, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 E1

Town: Sabattus

Boat: Bride

Launch Point: Town park on the west side of the pond, concrete launch

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 10 mph

Comments: First time in this pond. It is mostly built up. Maine Fish & Game was stocking

Alewives caught in the Brunswick fish ladder and relocated.

006 Buker Pond

Date: May 13, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 D3

Town: Litchfield

Boat: Bride

Launch Point: Short hand carry from parking on Buker Road near the bridge

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 5 mph

Comments: Not much wind.

007 Sand Pond

Date: May 13, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 D3

Town: Litchfield

Boat: Bride

Launch Point: Rowed under bridge, landed & raised sail

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 10 mph

Comments: Not much wind until out on the main part of the pond. Rowed in after wind dropped.

Loons feeding in the narrow part.

008 Cobbosseecontee Lake

Date: May 15, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 D3

Town: Litchfield

Boat: Bride

Launch Point: Town launch off Route 135, concrete launch

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 10 mph

Comments: Not much wind until after landing, then gusty wind and whitecaps. The Bride is not good in gusty conditions. Need to extend the tiller or install push/pull tiller.

009 Wilson Pond

Date: May 15, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 C2

Town: Monmouth

Boat: Bride

Launch Point: Town launch off Wilson Pond Road

Weather: Sunny turning to overcast, wind 0 to 15 mph

Comments: Gusty swirling wind. Probably should not have launched. Changed mission

statement to boat in 100 lakes and ponds in 2024 instead of limiting to sailing.

010 Horseshoe Pond

Date: May 16, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 D4

Town: Litchfield

Boat: Bride (rowing)

Launch Point: Town launch off Dennis Hill Road on Cobbosseecontee Stream

Weather: Overcast, wind 0 to 5 mph

Comments: Rowed Bride instead of sailing – needed to get under a low bridge, very little wind, and this trip has many very shallow spots. Launched on the stream, 3/4 mile row to the pond.

Fished and caught my first two Black Crappie.

011 Annabessacook Lake

Date: May 17, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 C3

Town: Winthrop

Boat: Bride

Launch Point: State launch off Holmes Road, concrete launch

Weather: Overcast, wind 5 to 10 mph from the north

Comments: Added tiller extension and changed lower sheet block to a fiddle block. This made a great improvement in rudder and sail control. Very nice lake running north-south. Good even

wind with almost no gusts.

012 Lower Narrows Pond

Date: May 17, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 C3

Town: Winthrop

Boat: Bride (rowing)

Launch Point: Town launch off Narrows Pond Road, "unimproved" asphalt & sand ramp, not

much parking

Weather: Overcast turning sunny, wind 0 to 5 mph

Comments: Rowed Bride instead of sailing – not much wind, had to carry boat to launch. Very

deep pond – 60 plus feet. Caught no fish.

013 Upper Narrows Pond

Date: May 17, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 C3

Town: Winthrop
Boat: Bride (rowing)

Launch Point: Town launch off Narrow Pond Road, path to sandy beach, not much parking

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 5 mph

Comments: Rowed Bride instead of sailing – not much wind, had to carry boat to launch. Very

deep pond - 50 plus feet. Caught no fish.

014 Scituate Pond

Date: May 22, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 1 A4

Town: York Boat: Bride

Launch Point: Town launch off Middle Pond Road, path to sandy beach, not much parking

Weather: Sunny, wind 2 to 10 mph

Comments: Southernmost navigable pond/lake in Maine. Forgot camera, so took pictures with

my phone. Shallow 7-8 feet or less. Not much wind as pond is small. Nice spot.

015 Maranacook Lake

Date: May 29, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 C3

Town: Winthrop
Boat: Bride (rowing)

Launch Point: Town launch, concrete ramp

Weather: Partly cloudy, wind 10 to 15 mph

Comments: Nice launch facility, big lake with not too much development at south end. Perhaps

a good place for ice fishing.

016 Androscoggin Lake

Date: May 29, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 B2

Town: Wayne

Boat: Bride

Launch Point: Town launch, concrete ramp Weather: Partly cloudy, wind 10 to 15+ mph

Comments: Too much wind! Whitecaps forming (just barely). Bride is difficult to control in gusts,

better for ponds than lakes.

017 Dexter Pond

Date: May 31, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 C2

Town: Wayne

Boat: Bride (rowing)

Launch Point: Dirt launch on north end of Wilson Pond off Mount Pisgar Road, then through

culvert under road

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 5 mph

Comments: No wind, caught ~16" Smallmouth Bass. Nice pond.

018 Berry Pond

Date: May 31, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 C2

Town: Winthrop

Boat: Bride

Launch Point: Dirt launch on north end of pond off Route 133

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 10 mph

Comments: Variable wind – SW, W, NW, sailed upwind both ways! Wind picked up after landing. Very shallow on north end of pond. Tried to sail to connection with Dexter Pond but

there was no wind.

019 Torsey Lake

Date: June 4, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 A3

Town: Readfield

Boat: Bride

Launch Point: Dirt launch off Old Kents Hill Road

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 10 mph

Comments: Not much wind, but managed to sail upwind back to the boat launch. Saw loons

fishing.

020 Echo Lake

Date: June 4, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 A2

Town: Mount Vernon

Boat: Bride

Launch Point: Concrete launch off Route 41

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 to 10+ mph

Comments: Nice fairly steady wind from the south. Bride handled well with steady instead of

gusting conditions. Many summer camps on the lake. Nice place!

021 Taylor Pond

Date: June 4, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 A2

Town: Mount Vernon

Boat: Bride

Launch Point: Dirt launch off Route 41 Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 10 mph

Comments: Pond is across Route 41 from Echo Lake. Not much development on pond. Another

nice place! Wind mostly blocked by trees.

022 Minnehonk Lake

Date: June 5, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 A3

Town: Mount Vernon Boat: Bride (rowing)

Launch Point: Concrete (gravel covered) town launch in downtown Mount Vernon

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 5 mph

Comments: Nice launch downtown, very small lake, but deep. Caught no fish but saw some on

the fish finder. Not enough wind to sail. Loons!

023 Parker Pond

Date: June 5, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 A2

Town: Vienna Boat: Bride

Launch Point: Very steep asphalt and rock launch off Tower Road

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 5+ mph

Comments: Very large pond, rocky, good smallmouth bass fishing. Looks like a good place to go ice fishing. Good place to back with *Bicycle* to go for a long row & fish. Saw a family of

geese. Not much wind, but fairly steady until turning to go back, then it died.

024 Basin Pond

Date: June 10, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 A2

Town: Vienna Boat: Bride

Launch Point: 500 yard portage from parking lot on Basin Road, rocky launch point, took out 50

yards from launch point - better place

Weather: Mostly cloudy, wind 0 to 10+ mph

Comments: Small very deep (111') pond. Sailed across pond then took down sail on opposite shore, messy, sail ended up in the water. Fished on the way back. Fish showing 10' down on fish finder but no strikes. Worth going back in the fall with the pack canoe. Ice fishing? Cut down tiller, revised rudder uphaul, and padded backrest for sailing worked well. Two loons and me on the pond.

025 Sturtevant Pond

Date: June 12, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 17 A5

Town: Magalloway Plt

Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Unimproved side of the pond off the Middle Dam Road.

Weather: Mostly cloudy, wind 0 to 10+ mph

Comments: Westernmost pond inside Maine. Alas, doctor says no lifting, so switched from Bride to the Alpacka Caribou packraft (5 lbs) "Blueberry". Caught 3 smallmouth bass and 1 chain pickerel. Had the pond to myself! Mostly rocky shore but two nice sandy beaches on the east end of the pond. 2.5 hour drive from home. Was going to stay the night car camping but no good campsite found, so made into a long day trip. It would have been a nice wind to sail the Bride.

026 Three Mile Pond

Date: June 13, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 13 B2

Town: Vassalboro Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Route 3

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 5 mph

Comments: Caught 2 Black Crappie. People fishing from shore at the boat launch.

027 Togus Pond

Date: June 13, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 13 C2

Town: Augusta Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Hand carry concrete boat launch off Route 105

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 5 mph

Comments: Caught no fish. Rocky pond, looks like good fishing, but too late in the morning

028 Lower Togus Pond

Date: June 13, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 13 C2

Town: Augusta Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Under the Route 105 bridge but there is a hand carry concrete boat launch off

Route 105

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 5 mph

Comments: Caught no fish. Shallow weedy pond at north end. Had a Bass follow the boat after

going under the road (see photos). Hooked him (or another) briefly, but he came off.

029 China Lake

Date: June 17, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 13 B3

Town: Vassalboro Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Route 32

Weather: Cloudy, wind 5 to 10 mph

Comments: Caught no fish. First time at this boat launch in East Vassalboro. Big closed area for

the water company intake off the boat launch.

030 Webber Pond

Date: June 17, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 13 B2

Town: Vassalboro Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Dam Road

Weather: Cloudy, wind 5 to 10 mph

Comments: Caught one ~8-10" Yellow Perch. Nice pond with many cottages. Ice fishing spot?

031 Spectacle Pond

Date: June 17, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 13 B1

Town: Vassalboro Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: 10 minute drive in on an unimproved road. Got out twice to check drivability of the

road (lumps & water). Launched on the side of pond, no trailer launch point.

Weather: Cloudy, wind 10 to 15 mph

Comments: Caught no fish, but had one medium sized fish on for a bit, probably a bass. Pond is mostly wilderness with a couple of camps on the south end. 100' deep, so worth going back to find the good fishing spots. Pond is not far from downtown Augusta.

032 Boyden Lake

Date: June 19, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 37 D2

Town: Robbinston
Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Gravel launch off Ridge Road

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 mph

Comments: Easternmost lake in Maine, 202 mile drive from home. Shallow clear water near the

launch, deeper out into the lake. Caught no fish. Nice spot, but not worth the drive!

033 Meddybemps Lake

Date: June 19, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 36 D4

Town: Meddybemps

Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Concrete launch off Route 191

Weather: Partly cloudy, wind 5 mph

Comments: Nice launch in downtown Meddybemps, directly on the way home from Boyden Lake. Shallow near the boat launch, deeper out in the lake. Caught no fish, but had strikes from

probably a small yellow perch.

034 Crawford Lake

Date: June 19, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 36 D2

Town: Crawford Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Gravel beach off Crawford Landing Road

Weather: Partly cloudy, wind 10 to 15 mph

Comments: Lake is north of Route 9, gravel road to launch. Shallow clear water near the launch, deeper out into the lake. Fished around the rocky shore but caught no fish.

035 Love Lake

Date: June 19, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 36 D2

Town: Crawford

Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Public gravel beach off Love Lake Road

Weather: Partly cloudy, wind 5 to 10 mph

Comments: Lake is south of Route 9, with a paved road to the beach. Shallow clear water near the launch, deeper out into the lake. Caught no fish. A few people swimming and fishing from

shore.

036 1st Machias Lake

Date: June 19, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 35 D3

Town: T36 MD BPP Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Gravel beach at Wonderland campsite.

Weather: Partly cloudy, wind 10 mph

Comments: Lake is off the 52-00-0 a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) road. Camped for the night. Ominous clouds to the west, so cut boating short. Three other fellows at the campsite.

Caught no fish.

037 Salmon Pond

Date: June 20, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 35 E3

Town: T30 MD BPP

Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Gravel beach Weather: Sunny, no wind

Comments: Lake is off the 52-00-0 (CCC) road. Small pond 22 feet deep, stocked with Brook

Trout. No fish rising. Caught no fish.

038 Pleasant River Lake

Date: June 20, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 25 A2 Town: Devereaux Township

Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Gravel boat launch. Weather: Sunny, wind 5 to 15 mph

Comments: Lake is south of Route 9. Lucked into shallow (5 feet) bar in the lake. Caught 2 Smallmouth Bass. First was 3 to 4 pounds (a whooper) but it broke the line before I got a photo.

The second was much smaller, but photogenic.

039 Lower Lead Mountain Pond

Date: June 20, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 25 A4

Town: T28 MD Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Gravel boat launch.

Weather: High clouds (no relief), wind 5 to 15 mph

Comments: Pond is north of Route 9. Paddled into the wind (as I normally do in the Blueberry) then drift fished back to the launch. Caught no fish. Headed home after this pond as it was

getting very hot (90+ degrees). Good first overnight trip.

040 Fish Pond

Date: June 24, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 14 D2

Town: Hope
Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Gravel boat launch off Route 17.

Weather: Partly cloudy, wind 0 to 5 mph

Comments: Launch is on the outlet, paddle through vegetation to get to the pond. Caught a small White Perch and a medium Smallmouth Bass. Been by this pond hundreds of times, first

time I've stopped.

041 Maces Pond

Date: June 24, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 14 D3

Town: Rockport Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Side of the pond off Route 17, no trailer launch.

Weather: Partly cloudy, wind 5 to 10 mph

Comments: Another pond I've been by hundreds of times without stopping. There were others the fishing from the launch and canoeing. Caught one small bass, might have been a largemouth (by the fish list for the pond). Pond deep spot map shows 10', but I came across a small hole 14' deep.

042 Chickawaukie Pond

Date: June 24, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 14 E3

Town: Hope Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Gravel boat launch off Route 17.

Weather: Partly cloudy, wind 0 to 5 mph

Comments: Launch is at the swimming beach. Many kids in the water and several people boating. Dirty looking water. Caught one small Yellow Perch.

043 Clary Lake

Date: June 25, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 13 D3

Town: Jefferson Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Route 215.

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 to 10 mph

Comments: Two other fishing kayakers launched just before me. Nice clear water. Caught no

fish. Perhaps an ice fishing destination.

044 Dyer Long Pond

Date: June 25, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 13 D3

Town: Jefferson Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Hand carry launch, fairly long access road off Hinks Road

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 to 10 mph

Comments: Fairly undeveloped pond. Nice clear water. Caught no fish. Ice fishing possible if

access road is plowed.

045 Flying Pond

Date: June 26, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 20 E3

Town: Vienna Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Route 41

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 5 mph

Comments: Fairly undeveloped pond. Nice clear water. Caught no fish. Might be good ice

fishing.

046 Crowell Pond

Date: June 26, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 20 D2

Town: New Sharon Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Gravel path off Route 41

Weather: Sunny, wind 10 to 15 mph

Comments: Shallow pond with warm water fish. Caught no fish but had many strikes from probably small Yellow Perch. Not worth the drive to get there.

047 Egypt Pond

Date: June 26, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 20 E2

Town: Chesterville Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Gravel boat launch off Egypt Pond Road

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 15 mph

Comments: Undeveloped pond. Nice clear water, rocky shoreline with gravel bottom. It looks like Brook Trout territory; the pond is annually stocked with 300 Brook Trout. Caught no fish. Worth going back to try for Brook Trout in late September.

048 Norcross Pond

Date: June 26, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 20 E1

Town: Chesterville Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Gravel boat launch off Ridge Road

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 15 mph

Comments: Nice spot but not exceptional. Not worth returning. Caught no fish.

049 Jones Pond

Date: July 1, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 66 A3

Town: Big Twenty TWP

Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Side of the pond boat launch off Jones Pond Road

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 10 mph

Comments: Drove to Fort Kent on 6/30. Another 1.75 hour drive in to pond. Caught no fish, none rising, but arrived at 09:00 and fished for 90-minutes. Fish seen on fish finder on bottom in 30 to 40 feet of water. Deepest spot found was 40 feet vs. the 30 feet on the Maine F&G map. For the trip saw 3 Ruffed Grouse, 2 Deer (mother & fawn), 1 cow Moose, and 1 Snowshoe Rabbit. Very impressed with the Fort Kent and surrounding area. Worth going back to explore more. Probably better fishing in the many nearby brooks, streams, & rivers.

050 Falls Pond

Date: July 1, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 66 D4

Town: T18 R10

Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Gravel boat launch off Lake Fall Brook Road

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 15 mph

Comments: Tried to get to Little Falls Pond by trail, but it went into swampy area, no recent foot traffic so abandoned the attempt! Falls Pond a disappointment. Deepest spot was only 4 feet, Maine F&G map shows 7 feet. Caught no fish. Drove back to Fort Kent. There is very nice camping spot with 2 sites at the launch.

051 Eagle Lake

Date: July 2, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 66 E5

Town: Eagle Lake Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Old Main Street

Weather: Sunny, wind <5 mph

Comments: Caught 1 Yellow Perch & 1 White Perch! Need a big boat to get around lake.

052 St. Froid Lake

Date: July 2, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 63 A4

Town: Winterville Plt.

Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Red River Road

Weather: Sunny, wind <5 mph

Comments: Stopped to visit Andy Hardy at the St. Froid Lakes Camps & Campground. He suggested boat launch on west side of the lake near the Salmon Stream inlet. Caught 1 10"-11" Salmon. Drove home without making other planned stops to have dinner with Manny & Co.

053 Crystal Lake

Date: July 19, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 10 E4

Town: Harrison Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Rt. 117

Weather: Sunny, wind <5 mph

Comments: Very built-up area with houses all around. Nice clear water. Not my kind of place,

did not stay long.

054 Long Lake

Date: July 19, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 10 E4

Town: Harrison Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Rt. 35

Weather: Sunny, wind <5 mph

Comments: Very built-up area, jet skis, sailboats, traffic. Not my kind of place, did not stay long.

055 Bear Pond

Date: July 19, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 10 E4

Town: Waterford Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Relic of an asphalt boat launch off Rt. 35/37

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 to 10 mph

Comments: Nice small pond – deep right off shore (big hill on other side of the road). Caught no

fish. Shoreline rocky by launch, swampy at north end.

056 Keoka Lake

Date: July 19, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 10 D4

Town: Waterford Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Rt. 35/37

Weather: Sunny, wind <5 mph

Comments: Nice sandy lake. Talked to the ranger(?) at the launch. He was curious about my

raft. Swimming area next to the boat launch. Caught no fish.

057 Sebec Lake

Date: July 22, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 32 B2

Town: Dover-Foxcroft

Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch (old unused) at the end of Rt. 153

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 5 mph

Comments: Built-up area, but nice clean deep water. Hooked, fought, & lost medium to large fish in first minute of fishing, no other bites! Could be closer ice fishing spot than Lily Bay.

058 Wassookeag Lake

Date: July 22, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 32 D1

Town: Dexter Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch (old mostly unused) on Rt. 23

Weather: Sunny, wind 10 to 15 mph

Comments: Built-up area, but nice clean deep water with rocky shore. No fish. Paddled under

bridge to the east side of the lake. Will try ice fishing on the way to Lily Bay.

059 Sebasticook Lake

Date: July 22, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 22 A1

Town: Newport Boat: Blueberry

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off North Street

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 to 10 mph

Comments: Built-up area, dirty shallow water at the boat launch. No fish. Might be better in

faster boat out into the main part of the lake. Not worth going back.

060 Messalonskee Lake

Date: July 26, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 12 A5

Town: Belgrade

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Barricaded concrete boat launch off Route 27

Weather: Sunny, wind <5 mph

Comments: Milfoil has closed the boat launch to trailered boats. Dirty water, long paddle to lake as launch is on Belgrade Stream. Did not fish. Not worth going back. Cleaned boat with towel after paddling. First launch of new Alpacka Scout packraft named *Pickle*.

061 Great Pond

Date: July 26, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 20 E4

Town: Belgrade

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Sahagian Road

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 mph

Comments: Very big pond! Rocky shoreline, many houses near boat launch. Looks like good bass fishing. Pickle speed 2.5 mph upwind, 2.7 mph downwind, 2.6 average (in 5 mph wind).

Did not fish.

062 Long Pond

Date: July 26, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 20 E4

Town: Mt Vernon

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Castle Island Road

Weather: Sunny, wind 10 to 15 mph

Comments: Met with 7 Lakes Alliance group at boat launch, paddled over to Lost Pond. Did not

fish. Nicest pond of the four today. Worth going back.

063 Lost Pond

Date: July 26, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 20 E3

Town: Mt Vernon

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Paddled in 1.5 miles across Long Pond then on unnamed stream

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 mph

Comments: Met with 7 Lakes Alliance group at boat launch, paddled over from Long Pond. Did not fish. Very small pond, my estimate 4 acres. Nice quiet place. Perhaps a place to icefish out

of the wind. Looks to be at least 8 to 10 feet deep.

064 Lake George

Date: August 7, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 21 B2

Town: Canaan Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Concrete & gravel boat launch off Route 2

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 mph

Comments: Very clear rocky lake, nice state park near boat launch. Houses near boat launch otherwise undeveloped. Saw a group of 10 Loons. Caught no fish but worth going back in the

fall for bass and ice fishing.

065 Sibley Pond

Date: August 7, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 21 B3

Town: Canaan & Pittsfield

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Gravel narrow boat launch off Route 2 (was old Route 2) on inlet stream, paddle

under bridge to pond

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 mph

Comments: Tannin stained water, lots of flow in the inlet stream. Lots of houses and big boats.

No fish. Worth exploring the inlet steam that drains a big bog.

066 Morrill Pond

Date: August 7, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 21 B3

Town: Hartland Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Morrill Pond Road – not much parking!

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 mph

Comments: Clear water, pond ringed with houses, big boats, and about 10 swim platforms. No

fish, saw Yellow Perch. Ok place, but no reason to go back.

067 Moose Pond

Date: August 7, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 31 E4

Town: Hartland

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Great Moose Drive

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 mph

Comments: Clear water, pond has houses on part of south shore, but mostly undeveloped. Paddled across the pond. Nice beach across from boat launch. Caught one small White Perch

and one big Chub! Worth going back, perhaps for sailing the Corsair and ice fishing.

068 Quantabacook Lake

Date: August 8, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 14 B2

Town: Searsmont

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Gravel boat launch off Bryant Road

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 mph

Comments: Light development on the north end (boat launch end) of the lake. Medium clear water. Fished near the boat launch, caught one small Yellow Perch. Previous trip there with the

TSCA last fall.

069 St. George Lake

Date: August 8, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 13 B5

Town: Liberty

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Route 3

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 to 10 mph

Comments: Nice clear water. Fished the rocky shoal across from the boat launch, no fish. Big

lake, would be good for sailing.

070 Sheepscot Pond

Date: August 8, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 13 B4

Town: Palermo

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Route 3

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 mph

Comments: Shoreline mostly developed except east shore. Fairly clear water, lots of boat traffic.

No fish. No reason to return.

071 Beech Pond

Date: August 8, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 13 B4

Town: Palermo Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Undeveloped muddy hand carry boat launch off Route 3

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 mph

Comments: Shallow weedy pond with two or three houses. Loons and ducks fishing. Went up to

my knees in mud launching, I did better on getting out! No fish, nice spot but no reason to

return.

072 Branch Pond

Date: August 8, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 13 B4

Town: Palermo Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Gravel boat launch (actually closed) off Branch Mills Road

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 to 10 mph

Comments: Launched by the dam, then saw no boating sign. There is a new launch nearby.

Dirty water, lots of islands, ok place but no reason to go back. No fish.

073 Embden Pond

Date: August 12, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 30 E3

Town: Embden
Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Mill Road

Weather: Partly cloudy, wind 10 to 15 mph

Comments: Very clear, rocky, & deep water. Shoreline is developed all around the pond. Very

nice place. Pickle is wet going into a 10 to 15 mph wind, more than Blueberry.

074 Sandy Pond

Date: August 12, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 20 A3

Town: Embden
Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Concrete hand carry boat launch off Fahi Pond Road

Weather: Partly cloudy, wind 5 mph

Comments: Boat launch not on Google Maps or Delorme (it looks new). Pond is ringed with houses away from the pond – it must be fairly new development. No fish. No reason to return.

075 Fahi Pond

Date: August 12, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 20 A4

Town: Embden
Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Gravel boat launch off Eames Road

Weather: Partly cloudy, wind 5 mph

Comments: Lightly developed shore. Clear dark water, 10' deep. Very quiet. Caught one 12" White Perch and one 10" Yellow Perch. Could have paddled to the inlet stream on the north end and visited Mud Pond and Boynton Pond. Would go back if in the area.

076 Clearwater Pond

Date: August 12, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 20 C2

Town: Industry
Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Route 43 – right downtown

Weather: Mostly cloudy, wind 5 mph

Comments: Extremely clear water. Shoreline is mostly developed. Caught one 8" Yellow Perch.

Very nice place, might be good for icefishing.

077 Nequasset Lake

Date: August 13, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 6 B5

Town: Woolwich

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Nequasset Road

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 to 15 mph

Comments: Water supply for the Bath area. No shoreline development other than the pump

house and adjacent house. Fairly clear water. No fish, worth trying again.

078 Tumbledown Pond

Date: August 14, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 19 1C

Town: 6 North of Weld

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Nice rock on the side of the pond

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 to 10 mph

Comments: 3.7 mile hike round trip, 90 minutes in, 75 minutes out, approximately 1500 foot elevation gain on trail. Caught no fish. Nobody there when I got to the pond, about 60 to 75 on the trail on the way out. Clear water, fairly cold (elevation ~2640). First trip to the pond in 22

years (last time with Sarah).

079 East Musquash Lake

Date: August 19, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 45 E4

Town: Topsfield

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Gravel boat launch at rest area on Route 6

Weather: Cloudy, wind 5 mph

Comments: Nice clear water, easy to find boat launch, nice place, no fish, very limited

development on the lake

080 West Musquash Lake

Date: August 19, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 45 E3

Town: T6R1 Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Gravel boat launch off the Amazon Road, very rough road with many protruding

rocks, Honda CRV marginal!

Weather: Cloudy, wind 5 mph

Comments: Nice clear water, gravel beaches, several campsites, no development, worth

returning if the road was better. No fish.

081 Scraggly Lake

Date: August 19, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 35 A2

Town: T6R1
Boat: Bicycle

Launch Point: Hasty Cove gravel boat launch off the Amazon Road

Weather: Cloudy, wind 5 mph

Comments: 8/19/24 Nice clear water, about 30th visit to the lake (since 1982?), did not fish, loaded boat and rowed to Junior Lake. 8/22/24 Returned to boat launch, fished for White Perch – no luck, but caught an 18"+ Smallmouth Bass. Not so many Pickerel, bass were in schools in at the top of the water column, over the deep water.

082 Junior Lake

Date: August 19, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 35 A1

Town: T5R1 & Lakeville

Boat: Bicycle

Launch Point: Rowed in from Scraggly Weather: Cloudy, wind 5 to 10 mph

Comments: 8/19/24 Set up camp at the McKinney Point campsite. Caught 3 Smallmouth Bass (small, medium, & large) and one Round Whitefish from shore. 8/20/24 Went to Bottle and Keg lakes, rain on the way back, Caught 1 Round Whitefish, 1 Pickerel, and 3 Smallmouth Bass (small, & 2 medium), lost 2 big bass. 8/21/24 Rowed to Norway, West Grand, & Pug lakes in rain showers (~16 mile day). Caught 1 Pickerel, 1 small bass by Junior Stream outlet, and 2 bass (small & medium) in the afternoon. 8/22/24 Packed up and rowed to Scraggly, no fish.

083 Bottle Lake

Date: August 20, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 35 A1

Town: Lakeville Boat: Bicycle

Launch Point: Rowed in from Junior Weather: Cloudy, wind 5 to 10 mph

Comments: Small lake ringed with houses, paddled into Keg Lake and back – connecting

stream plenty deep. No fish.

084 Keg Lake

Date: August 20, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 35 A1

Town: Lakeville

Boat: Bicycle

Launch Point: Paddled in from Bottle in connecting stream

Weather: Cloudy, wind 5 to 10 mph

Comments: Mostly undeveloped, many sandy beaches, rocky shoreline & points, rowed to north end and sail/paddled downwind out all the way to Junior. Caught no fish in very good looking

places. Very nice place - worth returning.

085 Norway Lake

Date: August 21, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 35 A2

Town: T5R1
Boat: Bicycle

Launch Point: Paddled in from Junior Stream
Weather: Cloudy scattered showers, wind 5 mph

Comments: Mostly undeveloped (2 houses), nice place, caught 1 small White Perch

086 West Grand Lake

Date: August 21, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 35 B3

Town: SAKOM TWP

Boat: Bicycle

Launch Point: Paddled in from Junior Stream

Weather: Cloudy scattered showers, wind 5 to 10 mph Comments: Big lake! Did not fish, rowed to Pug Lake

087 Pug Lake

Date: August 21, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 35 B3

Town: T5R1
Boat: Bicycle

Launch Point: Rowed in from West Grand

Weather: Cloudy scattered showers, wind 5 mph

Comments: No Maine Fish & Game map. I found old 1942 survey map. Deep spot is in the

north end (did not get that far). No fish. Might be fun to check the deep spot.

088 Orie Lake

Date: August 22, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 45 E3

Town: T6R1 Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Mud boat launch off the Amazon Road

Weather: Partly cloudy, wind 5 to 10 mph

Comments: Dirty shallow water, there is supposed to be some Brook Trout, but water quality is

very bad. No fish. Skip next time!

089 Farrow Lake

Date: August 22, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 45 D2

Town: Topsfield Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Gravel boat launch off Route 6

Weather: Partly cloudy, wind 5 to 10 mph

Comments: Very nice clear water, about 50% shore development, native Lake Trout and

Salmon. Caught no fish, but worth trying again.

090 Salmon Lake

Date: August 27, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 20 E5

Town: Belgrade Boat: Medium

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Spaulding Point Road

Weather: Foggy then partly cloudy, wind 5 mph

Comments: Mostly developed shoreline, fairly clear water. Rowed to McGrath Pond (5.42 miles

round trip) and back. No fish but didn't fish much. Ok place, not exceptional.

091 McGrath Pond

Date: August 27, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 20 E5 Town: Belgrade & Oakland

Boat: Medium

Launch Point: Rowed in from Salmon Lake

Weather: Partly cloudy, wind 5 mph

Comments: Mostly developed shoreline, water not as clear as Salmon Lake. No fish but didn't

fish much. Ok place, not exceptional.

092 East Pond

Date: August 27, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 20 D5

Town: Oakland Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Sandy boat launch off East Pond Road

Weather: Partly cloudy, wind 5 mph

Comments: Mostly developed shoreline, clearest water today, nice sandy beach at launch, rocky shoreline & points. Hooked large bass that broke off on a rock – no extra lures with me!

Worth going back.

093 North Pond

Date: August 27, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 20 D4 Town: Mercer & Smithfield

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off North Shore Road

Weather: Partly cloudy, wind 5 mph

Comments: Launched in Bog Stream and paddled to the pond. Fished around Pomleau Island, no fish. Shoreline mostly developed. Water not very clear. No reason to go back with East Pond closer to home.

094 Long Pond

Date: September 4, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 13 C3 Town: Windsor & Somerville

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Somerville Road

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 5 mph

Comments: Launched in Sheepscot River and paddled 0.65 miles to the pond. Clear water for a shallow pond. Shoreline about 50% developed. Lost 1 medium to large bass. Worth coming back.

095 Crystal Pond

Date: September 4, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 13 C5

Town: Washington

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Gravel boat launch off Crystal Lake Road – note that there is no blue boat launch

sign

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 5 mph

Comments: Town boat launch with a nice beach nearby. Very clear water with gravel & rocky bottom. Shoreline about 50% developed. Caught 1 small Smallmouth Bass. Very, very nice place, worth coming back.

096 Washington Pond

Date: September 4, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 13 C5

Town: Washington

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Side of the pond between two boulders. Least developed state boat launch I have

encountered. Nice parking with porta-potty. Off Route 105.

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 mph

Comments: Clear water, gravel bottom, medium development. Caught 2 small Smallmouth

Bass, lost two others. Another very nice place, worth coming back.

097 Shaw Lake

Date: September 12, 2024 Delorme Map Location: 45 E2

Town: T6R1 & Pukakon

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Paddled across Scraggly Lake north end campsite to the end of the cove at the stream from Shaw, bush wacked up the west side of the stream about 200 yards to the road at the outlet, climbed down the bank and launched into the outlet stream, climbed over one log then a beaver dam into the lake. Access may be available by the road – not sure of the road condition.

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 mph

Comments: Clear water, rocky shoreline, no development, only sign of human visits was a fire pit and log stools on the north shore. No trash anywhere. Caught one small Yellow Perch and two White Perch (10"-11" & 14"). Found a lucky rock and a big chalk deposit under a tree root ball on the north shore. Best find of the year so far. Went back two days later and caught Pickerel, hooked a large Small Mouth Bass (long range release), and small White Perch. This is a magic place!

098 Pleasant Lake

Date: September 13, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 45 E3

Town: T7R2 & T6R1

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Paddled with Helen in her canoe across Scraggly Lake north end campsite to the end of the cove at the stream from Pleasant, walked up the road to the campsite and launched off the beach. Access is available by the road.

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 mph

Comments: Clear rocky water, very nice gravel beach. Hooked but did not see a large fish (underwater release). Nice lake, development is the large RV campsite and one or two other sporting camps. It is a very nice place, but better ones close by (Shaw & West Musquash). May be worth it for the cold water fish.

099 Horserace Pond

Date: September 17, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 50 D3 Town: Rainbow Township

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: 1.9 mile hike in from parking off the Golden Road, launched on the side of the

pond

Weather: Sunny, wind 10 to 15 mph with higher gusts

Comments: First visit in 1977, fishing after work with my Dad. Clear deep water, rocky shore, no

development, native Brook Trout, what more is there! Caught one 8" Brook Trout.

100 Rainbow Lake

Date: September 17, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 50 E3

Town: Rainbow Township

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: 5 mile hike from Horserace Pond via the new Rainbow Loop Trail to the Blue Trail, launched in the usual spot in the cove at trails end. Nice view from the loop trail summit. Saw one Ruffed Grouse on trail.

Weather: Sunny, wind 10 to 15 mph on the lake, 5 mph in the cove

Comments: First visit in 1988/89?, with coworkers from Enterprise Engineering (Stan, Pat, & Greg). Clear deep water, rocky shore, one sporting camp on the west shore, native Brook Trout, what more is there! Stayed two nights. 9/17 caught one 8" Brook Trout. 9/18 caught one 14", one 8", & one 6" Brook Trout. Hiked to Woodman & Clifford 9/18/24. Hiked out on 9/19/24, saw another Ruffed Grouse on the trail.

101 Woodman Pond

Date: September 18, 2024 Delorme Map Location: 50 E3

Town: Rainbow Township

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Hiked 0.5 miles up the Blue Trail, launched off the rock at the west end (didn't get

too muddy).

Weather: Sunny, wind <5 mph

Comments: Muddy shallow pond, no all year fish. Did not fish. Paddled up inlet to Clifford.

102 Clifford Pond

Date: September 18, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 50 D3

Town: T2R11

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Paddled in from Woodman, over a Beaver dam.

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 mph

Comments: Medium deep fairly clear water, stocked trout as there is no breeding stream. Caught no fish. Nice enough place, but Horserace & Rainbow better. There was a helicopter flying around back and forth over the same route, student pilot? Saw another Ruffed Grouse on the trail back to Rainbow.

103 Ambajejus Lake

Date: September 19, 2024 Delorme Map Location: 43 A1

Town: T1R9 Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off the Golden Road

Weather: Partly cloudy, wind 0 to 5 mph

Comments: Nice lake I've been by many times. Seaplane base near the boat launch. Much development near the launch, but nice water. Did not fish.

104 Millinocket Lake

Date: September 19, 2024 Delorme Map Location: 43 A1

Town: T1R9 & T1R8

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Fire Road 21

Weather: Partly cloudy, wind 0 to 5 mph

Comments: Nice lake I've been by many times. Nice view of Mt. Katahdin 12.5 miles away. Much development near the launch, but nice water. Pumphouse transferring water to Ambajejus for hydropower is noisy. Did not fish.

105 Trout Pond

Date: September 25, 2024 Delorme Map Location: 42 B1

Town: Shawtown

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Side of the pond off unnamed road off Smithtown Road

Weather: Cloudy, wind 5 mph

Comments: Paddled across pond to the portage to 4th Roach Pond and back. Clear water, no development. According to Fish & Game, not so many fish, but there are many boats stored there. No fish.

106 4th Roach Pond

Date: September 25, 2024 Delorme Map Location: 42 B1

Town: Shawtown

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Portaged 0.1 miles from Trout Pond

Weather: Cloudy, wind 5 to 10 mph

Comments: Portage trail good walking, paddled across pond to 3rd Roach Pond and back. Nice

place, no development. No fish.

107 3rd Roach Pond

Date: September 25, 2024 Delorme Map Location: 42 B2

Town: Shawtown

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Portage connecting stream from 4th Roach Pond (100 ft)

Weather: Cloudy, wind 5 to 10 mph

Comments: Tough walking in connecting stream – slippery rocks! Some cabins on the east side

of the pond. Caught one small Chub & one small Yellow Perch. Nice place.

108 2nd Roach Pond

Date: September 25, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 42 A1

Town: Shawtown & T1R12

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Gravel boat launch at the AMC Medawistla camp

Weather: Cloudy, wind 5 to 10 mph

Comments: Rocky shallow launch at the lake outlet. Caught three Chubs – two small and one 12"! Worth going back for more fishing. The AMC lodge is great – much time spent here during ...

ski season.

109 Penobscot Pond

Date: September 26, 2024 Delorme Map Location: 42 A2

Town: T1R12 Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Side of the pond off the Nahmakanta Road

Weather: Light rain, wind 10 to 15 mph

Comments: Nice clear rocky water, 3 cabins on the west side of the pond. Easy access, worth coming back. No fish (limited by nasty weather).

110 1st Roach Pond

Date: September 26, 2024 Delorme Map Location: 41 A4

Town: Frenchtown

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Gravel boat launch off Lily Bay Road

Weather: Light rain, wind 10 to 15+ mph

Comments: Nice clear rocky water, many camps on the pond. Very easy (paved road!) access.

Did not fish due to the weather.

111 1st West Branch Pond

Date: September 26, 2024 Delorme Map Location: 42 B1

Town: Shawtown

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Side of the pond off the Frenchtown Road

Weather: Light rain, wind 10 to 15+ mph

Comments: Nice clear water with nice launching beach. West Branch Camps on the pond. Did

not fish – fly fishing only and there was way too much wind.

112 2nd West Branch Pond

Date: September 26, 2024 Delorme Map Location: 42 B1

Town: Shawtown

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Side of the pond off the Frenchtown Road

Weather: Medium rain, wind 10 to 15 mph

Comments: Nice clear water with great launching beach. Did not fish – fly fishing only and there was way too much wind. Paddled across pond to 3rd West Branch Pond and back. Many (13) boats stashed at launch – it must be good fishing. No development.

113 3rd West Branch Pond

Date: September 26, 2024 Delorme Map Location: 42 B1

Town: Shawtown

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Paddled in from 2nd West Branch Pond

Weather: Medium rain, wind 10 to 15 mph

Comments: Did not fish – fly fishing only and there was way too much wind. No development.

Many Loons in pond.

114 Spencer Pond

Date: September 27, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 41 A3

Town: Spencer Bay

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Side of the pond at the outlet

Weather: Mostly cloudy, wind 5 mph

Comments: Did not fish – did not look up laws before the trip. No development but big camping area beyond the bridge. Not so clear water, perhaps from the rain. Very photogenic with Little Spencer Mountain across the pond.

115 Prong Pond

Date: September 27, 2024 Delorme Map Location: 41 C3

Town: Beaver Cove

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Concrete and gravel (due to low water) boat launch off Lily Bay Road

Weather: Cloudy, wind 5 to 10 mph

Comments: Nice boat launch, not very clear water. Caught four 12" Brook Trout & lost 3 others (long range release). Looked up after getting home – they were stocked two days before! I did not keep any as I figured they were newly stocked. Much development on the pond, not worth going back.

116 Moosehead Lake

Date: September 27, 2024 Delorme Map Location: 41 C3

Town: Beaver Cove

Boat: Bicycle

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch at Rowell Cove in Lily Bay State Park

Weather: Cloudy, wind 15+ mph

Comments: Biggest lake in Maine. Met up with the TSCA group. Camped one night at the park. Very windy on the lake limiting fishing. Due to the wind I did not take many photos.

117 Duck Lake

Date: October 2, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 45 E1

Town: Springfield

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Gravel boat launch off Duck Lake Road

Weather: Sunny, wind 0 to 5 mph

Comments: Muddy gravel shoreline, much development but spread out. Does not look fishy, no

fish. No reason to return. Amazing this lake is only four miles from Shaw Lake!

118 Sysladobsis Lake

Date: October 2, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 35 A1

Town: Lakeville

Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Concrete boat launch off Depot Road

Weather: Sunny, wind 5 mph

Comments: Rocky shoreline with development around the boat launch, not much other development. No fish, but one strike from a small bass (?). Nice place, big lake worth further exploration. Could be part of a bow trip – Scraggly, Junior, Bottle, Sysladobsis, Pocumcus, West

Grand, Junior, & Scraggly.

119 Pocumcus Lake

Date: October 2, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 35 B3

Town: T6ND Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Gravel boat launch at Elsemore Landing

Weather: Mostly Cloudy, wind 5 to 10 mph

Comments: Rocky shoreline with nice gravel beaches, mostly undeveloped. Elsemore Landing

is another free RV campsite. Did not fish, lunch in the boat. Nice place, worth returning.

120 3rd Machias Lake

Date: October 2, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 35 C3

Town: T43MD Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Gravel boat launch off Little River Road

Weather: Mostly Cloudy, wind 5 mph

Comments: Rocky shoreline with nice gravel beaches, clear water, undeveloped, nice launch with two campsites. Shoreline has many beaches as the outlet dam was removed. No fish. Nice

place, worth returning.

121 2nd Machias Lake

Date: October 2, 2024

Delorme Map Location: 35 D3

Town: T37MD Boat: Pickle

Launch Point: Side of the lake boat launch off Little River Road

Weather: Mostly Cloudy, wind 5 mph

Comments: Gravel shoreline with nice gravel beaches, fairly shallow (10'-11') clear water, two or three cabins on the lake. Shoreline has many beaches now that the outlet dam was removed. Caught one ~15" Smallmouth Bass. Nice place, worth returning. This completed my quest of

100 new boating places!

Number	Date	Boat	Name	Town	County	Туре	Size acres	Delorme Map	Trip Type	Comments
1	05/03/24	Bride	Caesar Pond	Bowdoin	Sagadahoc	Pond	60	6 A3	Day	
2	05/06/24	Bride	Pleasant Pond	Litchfield, Gardner, W. Gardner, & Richmond	Kennebec & Sagadahoc	Pond	746	12 E4	Day	
3	05/07/24	Bride	Woodbury Pond	Litchfield	Kennebec	Pond	436	12 D3	Day	
4	05/10/24	Bride	Cochnewagon Pond	Monmouth	Kennebec	Pond	410	12 D2	Day	Lake?
5	05/10/24	Bride	Sabattus Pond	Greene, Webster, & Wales	Androscoggin	Pond	1962	12 E1	Day	
6	05/13/24	Bride	Buker Pond	Litchfield	Kennebec	Pond	75	12 D3	Day	
7	05/13/24	Bride	Sand Pond	Litchfield	Kennebec	Pond	177	12 D3	Day	
8	05/15/24	Bride	Cobbosseecontee Lake	Litchfield & West Gardner	Kennebec	Lake	5543	12 D3	Day	
9	05/15/24	Bride	Wilson Pond	Winthrop & Monmouth	Kennebec	Pond	582	12 C2	Day	
10	05/16/24	Bride (rowing)	Horseshoe Pond	Litchfield & West Gardner	Kennebec	Pond	74	12 D4	Day	
11	05/17/24	Bride	Annabessacook Lake	Winthrop & Monmouth	Kennebec	Lake	1420	12 C3	Day	Holmes Road boat launch open? YES!
12	05/17/24	Bride (rowing)	Lower Narrows Pond	Winthrop	Kennebec	Pond	255	12 C3	Day	
13	05/17/24	Bride (rowing)	Upper Narrows Pond	Winthrop	Kennebec	Pond	279	12 C3	Day	
14	05/22/24	Bride	Scituate Pond	York	York	Pond	41	1 A4	Day	Southernmost pond allowing boating
15	05/29/24	Bride (rowing)	Maranacook Lake	Winthrop & Readfield	Kennebec	Lake	1673	12 C3	Day	
16	05/29/24	Bride	Androscoggin Lake	Wayne & Leeds	Kennebec & Androscoggin	Lake	3826	12 B2	Day	
17	05/31/24	Bride (rowing)	Dexter Pond	Wayne	Kennebec	Pond	111	12 C2	Day	Access from Wilson Pond
18	05/31/24	Bride	Berry Pond	Wayne & Winthrop	Kennebec	Pond	174	12 C2	Day	
19	06/04/24	Bride	Torsey Lake (Torsey or Greeley Pond)	Readfield & Mt Vernon	Kennebec	Lake	770	12 A3	Day	
20	06/04/24	Bride	Echo Lake	Fayette, Mt Vernon, & Readfield	Kennebec	Lake	1185	12 A2	Day	
21	06/04/24	Bride	Taylor Pond	Mt Vernon	Kennebec	Pond	66	12 A2	Day	
22	06/05/24	Bride (rowing)	Minnehonk Lake	Mt Vernon	Kennebec	Lake	99	12 A3	Day	

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23	06/05/24	Bride	Parker Pond	Fayette & Vienna	Kennebec	Pond	1610	12 A2	Day	
24	06/10/24	Bride	Basin Pond	Fayette	Kennebec	Pond	27	12 A2	Day	100' deep, 500 yd portage from Basin Road
25	06/12/24	Blueberry	Sturtevant Pond	Magalloway Plt	Oxford	Pond	518	17 A5	Day	Westernmost pond
26	06/13/24	Blueberry	Three Mile Pond	China, Vassalboro, & Windsor	Kennebec	Pond	1162	13 B2	Day	
27	06/13/24	Blueberry	Togus Pond	Augusta	Kennebec	Pond	648	13 C2	Day	
28	06/13/24	Blueberry	Lower Togus Pond	Augusta	Kennebec	Pond	515	13 C2	Day	
29	06/17/24	Blueberry	China Lake	China & Vassalboro	Kennebec	Lake	3845	13 B3	Day	
30	06/17/24	Blueberry	Webber Pond	Vassalboro	Kennebec	Pond	1201	13 B2	Day	
31	06/17/24	Blueberry	Spectacle Pond	Vassalboro & Augusta	Kennebec	Pond	139	13 B1	Day	Access off Church Hill Road 1 mile south of Hannaford Hill Road
32	06/19/24	Blueberry	Boyden Lake	Robbinston & Perry	Washington	Lake	1702	37 D2	Overnight 1	Easternmost lake
33	06/19/24	Blueberry	Meddybemps Lake	Meddybemps	Washington	Lake	6765	36 D4	Overnight 1	
34	06/19/24	Blueberry	Crawford Lake	Crawford	Washington	Lake	1677	36 D2	Overnight 1	
35	06/19/24	Blueberry	Love Lake	Crawford	Washington	Lake	672	36 D2	Overnight 1	
36	06/19/24	Blueberry	1st Machais Lake	T37 MD BPP	Washington	Lake	109	35 D3	Overnight 1	
37	06/20/24	Blueberry	Salmon Pond	T30 MD BPP	Washington	Pond	11	35 E3	Overnight 1	
38	06/20/24	Blueberry	Pleasant River Lake	Devereaux Twp	Washington	Lake	949	25 A2	Overnight 1	
39	06/20/24	Blueberry	Lower Lead Mountain Pond	T28 MD	Hancock	Pond	~300	24 A4	Overnight 1	Published size includes middle pond
40	06/24/24	Blueberry	Fish Pond	Норе	Knox	Pond	141	14 D2	Day	
41	06/24/24	Blueberry	Maces Pond	Rockport	Knox	Pond	32	14 D3	Day	
42			Chickawaukie Pond	Rockland & Rockport	Knox	Pond	352	14 E3	Day	
43	06/25/24	Blueberry	Clary Lake	Jefferson & Whitefield	Lincoln	Lake	666	13 D3	Day	
44	06/25/24	Blueberry	Dyer Long Pond	Jefferson	Lincoln	Pond	423	13 D3	Day	
45	06/26/24	Blueberry	Flying Pond	Vienna	Kennebec	Pond	360	20 E3	Day	
46	06/26/24	Blueberry	Crowell Pond	New Sharon	Franklin	Pond	211	20 D2	Day	
47	06/26/24	Blueberry	Egypt Pond	Chesterville	Franklin	Pond	60	20 E2	Day	
48	06/26/24	Blueberry	Norcross Pond	Chesterville	Franklin	Pond	122	20 E1	Day	
49	07/01/24	Blueberry	Jones Pond	Big Twenty TWP	Aroostook	Pond	62	66 A3	Overnight 2	Northernmost pond
50	07/01/24	Blueberry	Falls Pond	T18 R10	Aroostook	Pond	286	66 D4	Overnight 2	
51	07/02/24	Blueberry	Eagle Lake	Eagle Lake	Aroostook	Lake	5581	66 E5	Overnight 2	
52	07/02/24	Blueberry	St. Froid Lake	Winterville Plt	Aroostook	Lake	2400	63 A4	Overnight 2	

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53	07/19/24	Blueberry	Crystal Lake	Harrison	Cumberland	Lake	189	10 E4	Day	
54	07/19/24	Blueberry	Long Lake	Harrison	Cumberland	Lake	4867	10 E4	Day	
55	07/19/24	Blueberry	Bear Pond	Waterford	Oxford	Pond	218	10 E4	Day	
56	07/19/24	Blueberry	Keoka Lake	Waterford	Oxford	Lake	467	10 D4	Day	
57		Blueberry	Sebec Lake	Willimantic, Bowerbank, & Dover-Foxcroft	Piscataquis	Lake	6803	32 B2	Day	Geographical center of Maine
58	07/22/24	Blueberry	Wassookeag Lake	Dexter	Penobscot	Lake	1062	32 D1	Day	
59	07/22/24	Blueberry	Sebasticook Lake	Newport	Penobscot	Lake	4288	22 A1	Day	
60	07/26/24	Pickle	Messalonskee Lake	Belgrade & Sidney	Kennebec	Lake	3510	12 A5	Day	
61	07/26/24	Pickle	Great Pond	Belgrade & Rome	Kennebec	Pond	8239	20 E4	Day	
62	07/26/24	Pickle	Long Pond	Belgrade & Mt Vernon	Kennebec	Pond	2714	20 E4	Day	
63	07/26/24	Pickle	Lost Pond	Mt Vernon	Kennebec	Pond	4	20 E3	Day	
64	08/07/24	Pickle	Lake George	Skowhegan & Canaan	Somerset	Lake	335	21 B2	Day	
65	08/07/24	Pickle	Sibley Pond	Canaan & Pittsfield	Somerset	Pond	380	21 B3	Day	
66	08/07/24	Pickle	Morrill Pond	Hartland	Somerset	Pond	134	21 B3	Day	
67	08/07/24	Pickle	Moose Pond	Hartland & Harmony	Somerset	Pond	3584	31 E4	Day	
68	08/08/24	Pickle	Quantabacook Lake	Morrill & Searsmont	Waldo	Lake	693	14 B2	Day	
69	08/08/24	Pickle	St. George Lake	Liberty	Waldo	Lake	1017	13 B5	Day	
70	08/08/24	Pickle	Sheepscot Pond	Palermo	Waldo	Pond	1193	13 B4	Day	
71	08/08/24	Pickle	Beech Pond	Palermo	Waldo	Pond	59	13 B4	Day	
72	08/08/24	Pickle	Branch Pond	Palermo & China	Kennebec	Pond	322	13 B4	Day	
73	08/12/24	Pickle	Embden Pond	Embden	Somerset	Pond	1568	30 E3	Day	
74	08/12/24	Pickle	Sandy Pond	Embden	Somerset	Pond	107	20 A3	Day	
75	08/12/24	Pickle	Fahi Pond	Embden	Somerset	Pond	196	20 A4	Day	
76	08/12/24	Pickle	Clearwater Pond	Industry	Franklin	Pond	751	20 C2	Day	
77	08/13/24	Pickle	Nequasset Lake	Woolwich	Sagadahoc	Lake	392	6 B5	Day	
78	08/14/24	Pickle	Tumbledown Pond	6 North of Weld	Franklin	Pond	9	19 1C	Day	Hike in after 1.5 hr drive
79	08/19/24	Pickle	East Musquash Lake	Topsfield	Washington	Lake	806	45 E4	Overnight 3	
80	08/19/24	Pickle	West Musquash Lake	T6R1	Washington	Lake	1613	45 E3	Overnight 3	
81	08/19/24	Bicycle	Scraggly Lake	T6R1 & T5R1	Washington & Penobscot	Lake	2758	35 A2	Overnight 3	
82	08/19/24	Bicycle	Junior Lake	T5R1 & Lakeville	Penobscot	Lake	3866	35 A1	Overnight 3	
83	08/20/24	Bicycle	Bottle Lake	Lakeville	Penobscot	Lake	281	35 A1	Overnight 3	

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84	08/20/24	Bicycle	Keg Lake	Lakeville	Penobscot	Lake	378	35 A1	Overnight 3	
85	08/21/24	Bicycle	Norway Lake	T5R1	Penobscot	Lake	130	35 A2	Overnight 3	
86		Bicycle	West Grand Lake	T5ND, T6ND, T6R1,T5R1, Grand Lake Stream	Washington & Penobscot	Lake	14340	35 B3	Overnight 3	
87	08/21/24	Bicycle	Pug Lake	T5R1	Penobscot	Lake	?	35 A2	Overnight 3	Delorme calls Pig Lake
88	08/22/24	Pickle	Orie Lake	T6R1	Washington	Lake	42	45 E3	Overnight 3	
89	08/22/24	Pickle	Farrow Lake	Topsfield	Washington	Lake	224	45 D4	Overnight 3	
90	08/27/24	Medium	Salmon Lake	Belgrade & Oakland	Kennebec	Lake	666	20 E5	Day	
91	08/27/24	Medium	McGrath Pond	Belgrade & Oakland	Kennebec	Pond	486	20 E5	Day	
92	08/27/24	Pickle	East Pond	Smithfield & Oakland	Kennebec & Somerset	Pond	1823	20 D5	Day	
93	08/27/24	Pickle	North Pond	Mercer, Smithfield, & Rome	Kennebec & Somerset	Pond	2225	20 D4	Day	
94	09/04/24	Pickle	Long Pond	Somerville, Jefferson, & Windsor	Kennebec & Lincoln	Pond	523	13 C3	Day	
95	09/04/24	Pickle	Crystal Pond	Washington	Knox	Pond	98	13 C5	Day	
96	09/04/24	Pickle	Washington Pond	Washington	Knox	Pond	551	13 C5	Day	
97	09/12/24	Pickle	Shaw Lake	T6R1 & Pukakon	Washington & Penobscot	Lake	211	45 E2	Overnight 4	Access from Scraggly
98	09/13/24	Pickle	Pleasant Lake	T7R2 & T6R1	Washington	Lake	1574	45 E3	Overnight 4	Access from Scraggly
99	09/17/24	Pickle	Horserace Pond	Rainbow Township	Piscataquis	Pond	50	50 D3	Overnight 5	
100	09/17/24	Pickle	Rainbow Lake	Rainbow Township	Piscataquis	Lake	1664	50 E3	Overnight 5	
101	09/18/24	Pickle	Woodman Pond	Rainbow Township	Piscataquis	Pond	6	50 E3	Overnight 5	
102	09/18/24	Pickle	Clifford Pond	T2R11	Piscataquis	Pond	17	50 D3	Overnight 5	
103	09/19/24	Pickle	Ambajejus Lake	T1R9	Piscataquis	Lake	1998	43 A1	Overnight 5	
104	09/19/24	Pickle	Millinocket Lake	T1R9 & T1R8	Piscataquis	Lake	2701	43 A2	Overnight 5	
105	09/25/24	Pickle	Trout Pond	Shawtown	Piscataquis	Pond	145	42 B1	Overnight 6	
106	09/25/24	Pickle	4th Roach Pond	Shawtown	Piscataquis	Pond	266	42 B1	Overnight 6	
107	09/25/24	Pickle	3rd Roach Pond	Shawtown	Piscataquis	Pond	570	42 B2	Overnight 6	
108	09/25/24	Pickle	2nd Roach Pond	T1R12 & Shawtown	Piscataquis	Pond	970	42 A1	Overnight 6	
109	09/26/24	Pickle	Penobscot Pond	T1R12	Piscataquis	Pond	279	42 A2	Overnight 6	
110		Pickle	1st Roach Pond	Frenchtown	Piscataquis	Pond	3270	41 A4	Overnight 6	

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111	09/26/24	Pickle	1st West Branch Pond	Shawtown	Piscataquis	Pond	119	42 B1	Overnight 6	
112	09/26/24	Pickle	2nd West Branch Pond	Shawtown	Piscataquis	Pond	140	42 B1	Overnight 6	
113	09/26/24	Pickle	3rd West Branch Pond	Shawtown	Piscataquis	Pond	74	42 B1	Overnight 6	
114	09/27/24	Pickle	Spencer Pond	Spencer Bay	Piscataquis	Pond	980	41 A3	Overnight 6	
115	09/27/24	Pickle	Prong Pond	Beaver Cove	Piscataquis	Pond	427	41 C3	Overnight 6	
116	09/27/24	Bicycle	Moosehead Lake	Beaver Cove	Piscataquis	Lake	74890	41 C3	Overnight 6	Lily Bay State Park
117	10/02/24	Blueberry	Duck Lake	Springfield	Penobscot	Lake	256	45 E1	Overnight 7	
118	10/02/24	Blueberry	Sysladobsis Lake	Lakeville	Penobscot, Washington,& Hancock	Lake	5376	35 A1	Overnight 7	
119	10/02/24	Blueberry	Pocumcus Lake	T6ND	Washington	Lake	2201	35 B3	Overnight 7	
120	10/02/24	Blueberry	3rd Machias Lake	T43MD	Washington	Lake	2612	35 C3	Overnight 7	
121	10/02/24	Blueberry	2nd Machias Lake	T37MD	Washington	Lake	192	35 D3	Overnight 7	

