

## Round Pond (Survey #:621208) David Erway, Region 6 Fisheries

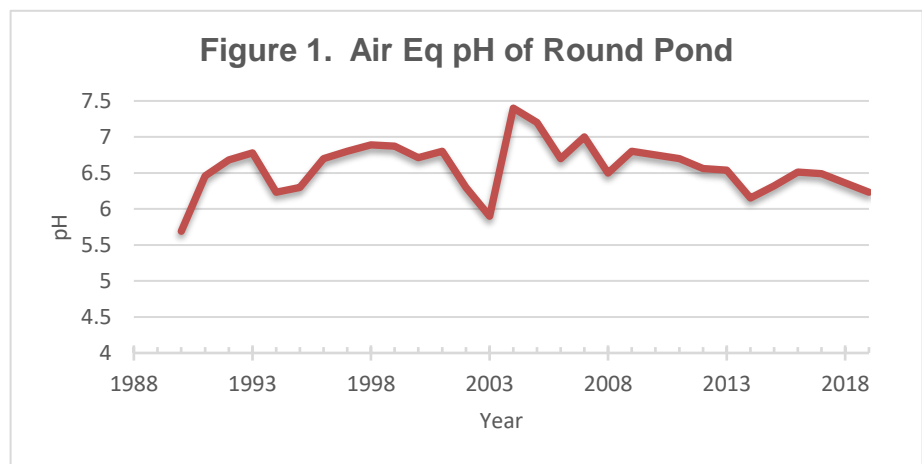
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Round Pond (ONT-19-88-P907) is a 13.7-acre pond located in the Black River Wild Forest and has a maximum depth of 17 feet. Public access to the pond is off the Moose River Road in the Town of Forestport, Oneida County. Round Pond is stocked annually in the fall with Temiscamie hybrid brook trout fingerlings. Special fishing regulations are ice fishing is prohibited, use of baitfish is prohibited, and brook trout can be harvested April 1 – October 15 with a daily limit of five with no minimum size. Round Pond is on the DEC list of Limed Waters and has been limed five times since 1974. The last year the pond was limed was 2004.

Water chemistry is monitored routinely, and the air equivalent pH has generally been above 6.0 since 1988 with the exception of two years (1990-pH 5.7 & 2003-pH 5.9; Figure 1), which indicates conditions are favorable for trout survival.

Two experimental gill nets were set overnight in August

2021 to assess the brook trout stocking efforts. Dissolved oxygen was absent at depth greater than 10 feet during our 2021 survey.



Twelve brook trout were collected and ranged in size between 7.8 and 11.4 inches with an

average length of 9.2 inches (Figure 2). Three different year classes were found with

age-1 fish averaging 8.3 inches, age-2 fish averaging 9.5 inches and a single age-3 fish measured 10.5 inches. It appears this pond provides a marginal put-grow-take brook trout fishery. There is no

evidence of wild brook trout in this pond, so we recommend that the annual stocking

policy of 500 Temiscamie Hybrid strain brook trout fingerlings continue as it provides anglers with the opportunity to fish a small easily accessible brook trout pond in the Black River Wild Forest.

