

# Cariboo Featured Fisheries

## Unsure of where to find good fishing? Looking for someplace new?

We can help! Each year a different sample of regional waters will be profiled here.

In addition, be sure to visit [www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/recreation/fishing](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/recreation/fishing) for more great fishing in Provincial Parks.

Other great Family Fishing opportunities may be found at [www.bcfamilyfishing.com](http://www.bcfamilyfishing.com).

See also [www.gofishbc.com/fishstocking.htm](http://www.gofishbc.com/fishstocking.htm) for a complete list of stocked lakes.

**1 Bootjack Lake** – If you are looking for a great fishing lake for beginners and families, look no further than Bootjack Lake near Likely! There is an RV-accessible Forest Service recreation site with a boat launch—great for families that want to get out into nature but don't want to leave all their comforts behind! Fish species present in the lake include abundant rainbow trout and kokanee. Bootjack Lake is accessed from the Moorehead-Bootjack Forest Service Road off of Likely Road.

**2 Chilko Lake** – Chilko Lake provides high-quality angling opportunities, and is one of the leading large-lake fishery resources in the Cariboo Chilcotin. The lake has long been recognized as a producer of bull trout and rainbow trout, and has gained recognition for its spectacular scenery and high catch success of native sport fish. Located in Ts'il'os (pronounced "sigh-loss") Provincial Park, Chilko Lake also has productive spawning areas for chinook and sockeye salmon. Adjacent Chilko River is also highly regarded for its fisheries value, and recognized as one of the leading wilderness trout rivers in the west Chilcotin. The river (a Classified Water) supports spawning and rearing habitat for resident rainbow trout, bull trout, mountain whitefish, and steelhead. Located southwest of Williams Lake, off Hwy 20.

**3 Dewar Lake** – Catchable trout abound in this small lake northeast of 150 Mile House off Horsefly Road! "Catchables" are fish reared in the hatchery for two years and are bigger and more fun to angle than smaller stocked fish. The lake has an RV-accessible Forest Service recreation site on the north shore with a car-top boat launch.



If you enjoy fishing in small lakes, then the Cariboo-Chilcotin has unlimited opportunities for you to explore.

**4 McIntyre Lake** – Two species of trout—rainbow and brook—are stocked in this lake each year including catchable rainbows. There is a small Forest Recreation site on the western shore, which has a car-top boat launch. The lake is located west of Williams Lake about 2 km up Meldrum Creek Road.

**5 Sheridan Lake** – Sheridan has a reputation for producing large rainbow trout. Each year the lake is heavily stocked. In 2005, the lake was stocked seven times, releasing nearly 275,000 rainbow trout of various sizes and strains. The lake is located along Highway 24, about 30 km from the junction with Highway 97 south

of 100 Mile House. There are numerous accommodation options, including three resorts. Visit [www.SouthCaribooTourism.com](http://www.SouthCaribooTourism.com) or call (877) 511-5353 for more information.

**3** See preceding page for map locations

"A river is water in its loveliest form, rivers have life and sound and movement and infinity of variation, rivers are veins of the earth through which the life blood returns to the heart."

Roderick Haig Brown  
*A River Never Sleeps*

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