

# Omineca 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 Carp Lake** - Long famous for its rainbow trout, Carp Lake Provincial Park, just two hours north of Prince George, offers some of the best fishing in the Central Interior. Angling is the single most popular activity. The 6,000 hectare lake was first acclaimed for its prime fishing nearly two centuries ago by explorer Simon Fraser. Anglers come from near and far to try their luck with fly or spinner for the lake's succulent red-fleshed rainbow trout. The Carp Lake watershed above War Falls has six fish species isolated from the Peace River drainage. Rainbow trout averaging 0.5 kg (1 lb) and burbot are regularly caught by anglers. There is also a short loop trail that connects Carp Lake campground with the McLeod River, providing access to fly fishing sites.

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Creating lasting memories trout fishing on one of Omineca's inviting lakes.

**2 Cobb Lake** - This productive lake about 65 km west of Prince George is stocked each year with 20,000 brook trout and 10,000 rainbow trout! Brook trout fishing is best in fall and early winter. Try fly fishing for the exceptionally strong rainbow in spring. A 2WD-accessible Forest Service recreation site is located on the lake and a car-top boat launch is available. Follow Highway 16 west for about 65 km to Finnmore Road.

**3 Crooked River, Squaw Lake and Hart Lake** - These waters in Crooked River Provincial Park, an hour north of Prince George on

Hwy 97, provide good angling opportunities for rainbow trout, bull trout or mountain whitefish. Squaw Lake offers ice fishing in the winter and is a popular lake among locals.

**4 Purden Lake** - Purden Lake (64 km east of Prince George on the Yellowhead Hwy) provides lake-oriented recreation (camping, boating, swimming and fishing) for locals and Highway 16 travelers alike, and is noted for its wildlife viewing opportunities. The park is home to black bear and moose year round, and visitors may also observe

beaver, snowshoe hares, squirrels, porcupines, bald eagles and ruffed grouse. In the evening, the haunting call of the common loon may break the silence. For anglers, rainbow trout are the most sought-after prize, but angling for burbot may also yield great results. The park also offers a boat launch, several lakeside trails, a sandy beach and excellent camping facilities.

**3** See preceding page for map locations

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