

Peace 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 for more great fishing in Provincial Parks.

Other great Family Fishing opportunities may be found at www.bcfamilyfishing.com.

See also www.gofishbc.com/fishstocking.htm for a complete list of stocked lakes.

1 Charlie Lake – As well as offering productive fishing for northern pike and walleye, Charlie Lake Provincial Park features a play area for children and opportunities for hiking, boating, and cycling. During the spring and summer months, a variety of raptors, songbirds and other perching birds frequent the area. Large mammal visitors include moose, deer and black bear, but the most likely wildlife sightings are of squirrels, chipmunks, beavers, snowshoe hares and muskrats. The park is located 11 km north of Fort St. John.

2 Inga Lake – Inga Lake is a small, shallow lake 70 km northwest of Fort St. John on Oil Industry Road. A Forest Service recreation site on the south shore, equipped with a boat launch and space for 18 vehicles, is a perfect getaway. The lake is stocked annually with rainbow trout. Each year local students are bussed to Inga Lake to witness trout spawning in a successful man-made channel initiated by the Ministry of Environment and funded by the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund.



Photo: Kevin Delawski

Already a seasoned veteran, Joel Delawski, gets comfortable for a long, fun-filled day of fishing.

3 One Island Lake – Located on the Alberta Plateau south of Dawson Creek, the activities in this small provincial park include bird watching, fishing, and swimming. The lake is stocked annually with brook and rainbow trout, but other sport fish include bull trout, northern pike and westslope cutthroat trout. It's not surprising that One Island Lake is a popular destination for local anglers!

4 Quality Lake – Quality Lake is a small lake off the beaten track. It is stocked with catchable rainbow trout ("catchables" are fish reared in the

hatchery for two years and are bigger and more fun to angle than smaller stocked fish). From Tumbler Ridge follow the Heritage Hwy to Kiskatinaw Forest Service Road. Follow this road for about six km to Quality Creek at the northern tip of the lake. No facilities are available at the lake, but camping accommodations may be found at Bearhole Lake Provincial Park, located another 15 km along Kiskatinaw Forest Service Road.

5 Sundance Lakes – These two lakes are located along Highway 97 about 15 km east of Chetwynd. The east lake borders the highway on the north side where there is a pullout beside the lake. The west lake is on the south side of the highway, mostly hidden from the road. A small access road is located 500 metres before the east lake pullout on the right side of the highway. Because the lakes are so close to the highway, they're a great place to stop for a break when traveling B.C.'s scenic byways! The west lake is stocked with 2,500 yearling rainbow trout annually.

3 See preceding page for map locations

Feature Articles from Past Editions of the Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis

These have been posted on our web site for on-going reference.

Please go to: www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations/archive.html

- Fish from the Past Given a Future (1999) – white sturgeon studies and recovery programs
- Provincial Stocking Programs Provide Recreational Opportunities for Anglers (1999)
- Regulations Can Improve the Quality of Fishing Experiences (1999)
- Thompson-Nicola Region Offers Family Fishing Opportunities (1999)
- Fishing Opportunities in the East Kootenay (2000) – highlights various fisheries in all 4 seasons
- Age Restricted Waters (2001) – names the 21 waters set aside for anglers under 16, 65 or older, or disabled
- Fraser River White Sturgeon by Rick Hansen (2001) – describes the recovery effort
- Kokanee Increasing in Size and Numbers (2001) – the fertilization program in the Arrow Lakes reservoir
- We're Off to See the Wizard (2002) – visit www.fishwizard.com to find more information about B.C.'s lakes and streams and the fish in them

- Wild Fish Culture Program (2003) – an important component of the province's integrated approach to fisheries management
- Frequently Asked Questions (2004) – finding an angling guide; becoming an angling guide
- Pygmy Whitefish Research in the Williston Watershed (2004) – learn about a lesser-known fish species
- Reservoir Restoration (2004) – aquatic restoration programs in two of the Lower Mainland's reservoirs have benefited many fish populations
- Single Barbless Hooks Mandatory in All B.C. Streams (2004)
- 2005 – The Centennial Year of the Conservation Officer Service (2005) – celebrate the history of B.C.'s Conservation Officer Service
- Caring for your Lake – what lakeshore property owners should know about conserving fish habitat during land development (2005)
- Ice Fishing – how to get the most out of winter fishing (2005)
- Stickleback Species Pairs – Part of B.C.'s Unique Aquatic Biodiversity – two co-existing species live in 6 B.C. lakes (2005)