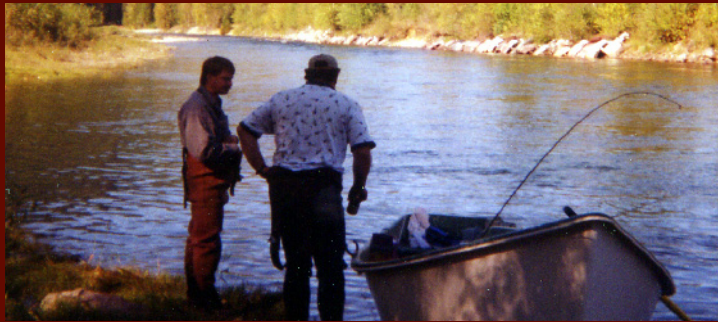


FISHING IN CASTLEGAR



Nancy Green Lake

This pristine lake is about 1 km long by .5 km wide and is located 29 km west of Castlegar along highway #3. The lake is well stocked and limited catches of Rainbows to 30 cm are common. Late spring and summer angling is best on artificial fly or natural baits. Even dry fishing in late summer can be excellent. It is also good for children, as fishing access to the shoreline is safe and easy. No powerboats allowed.



Kootenay River

The Kootenay River runs between Nelson and Castlegar with 40 km of both slow and fast water. Large Rainbow, Bull trout, Kokanee, and Whitefish are available. The Slocan Pool, where the Slocan River joins the Kootenay River, is renowned for its fly-fishing for Rainbow to 2 kg. Walleye and Rainbow trout to 2.5 kg are abundant within 2 km of the confluence with the Columbia River.



Lower Arrow Lake

Accessible from Syringa Creek Provincial Park north of the Hugh Keenleyside Dam near Castlegar, this lake is 80 km long and 1 to 3 km wide. Trolling for large Rainbow and Bull trout is best in winter months. Rainbow ranging from .5 to 7 kg can be caught year round. Rainbow trout are most abundant at creek mouths. The Lower Arrow Lake is one of the most productive Kokanee fisheries in Southern B.C.

Slocan Lake

This lake is 45 km long and 1 to 2.5 km wide and is located along highway #6, 100 km from Castlegar. Large Rainbow and Bull trout are abundant. Kokanee to .5 kg are taken trolling. Fly-fishing for Rainbows is good at creek mouths after mid-June. This lake provides year round fishing.



Columbia River

This free-flowing section of the Columbia River stretches 42 km from the Hugh Keenleyside Dam in Castlegar to the U.S. border at Waneta. There is excellent Walleye fishing and some Burbot angling near the dam. Rainbows between 45 to 80 cm are taken from May to October on fly and natural bait. Walleye are best taken from June to October throughout the whole river.



Kootenay Lake (West Arm)

Burbot, Rocky Mountain Whitefish to 1.5 kg, Kokanee to 3 kg, Rainbow trout to 7 kg, and Bull trout to 8 kg are abundant. Large trophy fish can be taken from October to February. Spin and bait fishing, fly-fishing, trolling are all successful. There is excellent fly-fishing near Balfour.



Champion Lakes

Located 40 km east of Castlegar, these lakes have been restocked annually since 1986. The lakes offer fly-fishing and spin casting for Rainbows to 2.5 kg. The second and third lakes have better angling chances and are in a more pristine setting. Fishing season is from May to October, and no powerboats are allowed on the lake.

Erie Lake

This lake is 1.5 km long by 1 km wide, and is located 35 km east of Castlegar on highway #3. Good spring fishing for Eastern Brook trout to .5 kg and Largemouth Bass to 1 kg. Choose from spin casting, fly, and natural bait fishing from a boat or float tube. Erie Lake offers ice fishing in the winter for both trout and bass.

Salmo River

This river extends from its headwaters north of Salmo to its confluence with the Pend d'Oreille River. Fish for Eastern Brook trout up to 30 cm. Rainbow, Cutthroat, and Bull trout can also be caught. Most tributaries of the Salmo can support small Rainbow during late summer. There is a bait ban from June 15 to October 31.



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