



The CARIBOO CHILCOTIN COAST is both big and small, and that's good news. Big because its 117,500 square kilometres contain spectacular topography, over 8,000 lakes, golden plains, craggy peaks, and gorgeous wildlife. Small because only an estimated 73,000 people live here. And good because these factors give vacationers an unmatched sense of grandeur and fun.

A good way to explore the vast region of the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast is by road, with highways and endless backroads leading to hidden gems throughout. The Cariboo Chilcotin Coast region offers some of the most plentiful and diverse fishing experiences in British Columbia. A sample "Fishing Journey" is given below. Travelers can pick up this route at any point and are encouraged to deviate from the route description taking side trips to experience their own unique journey.

Go Fish: All-Star Casting Itinerary

This circle route – which begins just north of 100 Mile House and loops past literally hundreds of lakes – offers more than just some of the best freshwater fishing in British Columbia. It's also an itinerary that will take you on some of the province's most scenic backroads, where resorts from rustic to luxurious provide cabins, camping and RV sites. B&B's and eateries also dot the area; anglers and those who enjoy following meandering roads through lakes, meadows and forested plateaus will want to

spend time exploring.

A few minutes north of **100 Mile House**, turn right on the Canim-Hendrix Lake Rd. Following Bridge Creek, you'll pass through the peaceful community of Forest Grove before reaching the lakeside community of **Canim Lake** (kokanee, rainbow trout, impressive bird-watching, canoeing, kayaking). Continue along the south side of the lake, then head left on Mahood Lake Rd. until you reach the parking area on your right, with trailheads to dramatic **Canim and Mahood Falls** (fly-fish at the base of the falls). From the Mahood Lake campground in the southwestern corner of vast **Wells Grey Provincial Park**, **Deception Falls** is just a 30-minute hike away. Continue south on Mahood Lake Rd. for about 35 km. to Horse Lake Rd. A left turn at this junction takes you to **Hwy. 24 – "The Fishing Highway"**. Turn left and head east reaching **Sheridan Lake** (trophy trout), island-specked **Bridge Lake** (kokanee, rainbow trout, Bridge Lake Provincial Park – tent and RV camping), and picturesque **Lac des Roches** (famous for fly-fishing, many small islands). A right turn at the Mahood Lake – Horse Lake Rd. junction will take you past Horse Lake (excellent kokanee fishing) and on to Hwy. 97 and 100 Mile House.

Touring Time: 1-5 days, depending on the amount of fishing one desires!