

Learn A Water Program - 2012

Revised on February 22, 2012

Lois Lake “2” Trip

Two Day Trip: March 11 & 12 (Sunday – Monday)

Overview: This March Trip replaces the cancelled February Trip and targets the warmer March weather. Our Guide, Courtney Ogilvie, remains in place for this “Learn A Water” trip departing March 11, returning March 12. (Note: Back in 2010, two years ago, our club had a very successful outing at this same lake.) On this March trip we will address lake fishing for Cutthroat and Trophy Rainbow Trout, from your own boat or inflatable water-craft. Electric or gas motors are allowed, but not a requirement. These outings respond to a stated desire by Club members to be introduced to new waters and have instruction on how to fish them.

Attendance: Please email Gord (gordlipke@gmail.com) by Thursday night, March 8th to add your name to the list. If we do not have sufficient attendance, we will cancel and let you know by email. If the trip is oversubscribed, we will admit people on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Fishing: Lois Lake is known for its Cutthroat & Trophy Rainbows, up to 20 lbs. It is a low-level lake close to the ocean. Some Rainbows can be retained. Come and learn the ropes for this type of fishing or, for those with experience, to hone your skills.

Getting there: Participants should get the 6:30 am ferry from Comox to Powell River on the Sunday morning. We will meet at the ferry and travel together from there. For those that want coffee in Comox, there’s a 24/7 Tim Horton’s, located in the Super Store parking lot, (N. Island Hwy & Ryan Road) where the early birds can meet before going to the ferry.

It’s about a 1 hour and 45 minute ferry trip so we’ll get to Powell River at 8:15. We anticipate being at the lake by 9:00 am. Participants are encouraged to car pool. Collaborate, or contact Gord Lipke for some possible car pool assistance.

Boats: If you want to come but don't have access to a boat, let Gord know and he'll try to get you on a boat.

Getting back: We will leave the lake by about 3:30 pm in order to take the 5:15 pm ferry from, Powell River to Comox. Note: The last ferry crossing departs at 8:45 pm.

On the Ferry and at the Water: Group introductions and education about the water, the fish and their habits, the best fishing methods, flies and tackle, access points, and reading the water. Our Guide will demonstrate and we'll fish, with him coaching.

Meals and Accommodation: We suggest finding accommodation at one of the many places located between the lake and Powel River. The "Bayside Resort" is a possible choice. It is economical and has a restaurant & rooms. Plan on bringing lunch for both days. Dinner on Sunday will likely be at a restaurant in Powell River. For Sunday breakfast and Monday dinner, we can eat on the ferry.

Lake Access: Our Guide assures us that the logging road leading to the lake is accessible thru the week. He will however, bring a radio to monitor any logging truck activity. Trailered boats can use the fish farm's concrete ramp but must leave the ramp area clear of vehicles, trailers & boats.

Fee for Guide's Services: \$50 per person (for the two day trip), to be paid on the trip. You will also be responsible for your costs for ferry fares, meals & accommodation.

What to Bring:

- Freshwater fishing license. **Check that your licence is renewed to be Valid for March**
- Boat operators license, if applicable
- Small boat or inflatable water-craft. Belly boats are not recommended. Too limiting.
- Life jackets (and other legislated boat safety gear)
- Landing net
- Warm clothing
- Rain gear, just in case
- Change of clothes, just in case
- Pen and note pad, for note-taking
- Food and drinks for mid-day lunches on the lake (plenty of water)
- Rubber boots or waders
- Camping equipment, if you plan to camp
- Our Guide Suggests you bring:
 - Rods - 4 to 6 wt
 - Lines - Intermediate to Fast Sink (Type II to IV)
 - Flies (Sizes: 6, 4, 8, 10)
 - Woolley Bugger - all colours
 - Damsels - Lg. olive green
 - Egg Sucking Leaches - blk, olive
 - Minnow Patterns
 - Boobies

Caveats: Participation is at your own risk. Our Fishing Guide, the Club and the trip organizers assume no liability for your safety.

Guests and other non-members will be required to sign a waiver exempting our Fishing Guide, the Club and trip organizers. Although we too hope for sunny sky and calm waters, you just might want to be prepared for the remote possibility of some wind or rain.

Trip Recorder: Would one of you be kind enough to volunteer as “Trip Recorder” and undertake to fill out the following data sheet (see page 4) and send it electronically, to Gord Lipke within a week of returning home? If so, please advise Gord by email. If he receives more than one offer, he will accept the first reply and keep the others as candidates for future trips.

Trip Guide: Courtney Ogilvie, Nile Creek Fly Shop.

Questions: Contact the club’s Trip Coordinator, Gord Lipke gordlipke@gmail.com

“Guide to Local Waters” Data Sheet

The information collected on this sheet is intended to be made available to club members who were not able to attend the outing but, at some future date may wish to access these waters.

Date of “Learn A Water Trip”: _____

Name of Water: _____

Access Information: *Such as details of entry points, driving directions and conditions, parking, trails, wading, etc.*

The Fish:

Fish present	Best Fishing Dates		Fishing Methods
	From	To	

Additional Notes:
