

# CHAUNIGAN LAKE

Chaunigan Lake is located in the Nemiah Valley of BC's Chilcotin region and is famous for the colourful rainbow trout. It is nestled in the mountains where breathtaking scenery complements the fabulous fishing.

The lake has large shoal areas and extensive weedbeds near the shore. **Chaunigan Lake Lodge** promotes the fly fishing opportunities for their lake, and their website showcases several fly patterns. Visit [www.chaunigan.com](http://www.chaunigan.com) and click through to their fishing page to find the link to these flies.

for hard hitting rainbows averaging 4lbs. Pound for pound, they are the best fighting fish that I have ever experienced."

This lake offers anglers a rare opportunity to fish in a pristine wilderness setting that has an abundance of wild rainbow trout.

The lake also has a forest recreation site with six vehicle units and cartop boat launch. Access is 2WD, except immediately following spring thaw when the ground is very wet. Visitors should note the site is frequently windy.

## Quick Facts

### Surface Area

- 461 Hectares  
(1,139 Acres)

### Maximum Depth

- 51.2 metres  
(168 feet)

### Elevation (ASL)

- 1,493 metres  
(4,898 feet)

### Survey Date

- September, 1973

### Contour Units

- Feet

On their website is a step by step procedure for tying the "Chaunigan Carey of Pheasant"—shown right. The pattern is provided by Carl Lacey and he has also provided some fishing tips for this lake:

"The lake has a shelf around the perimeter. The wild rainbow trout like to come up on the shelf to feed. As the weather gets warmer, move further into deeper water. I like to fish with a sinking line and 12' leader. I usually spool out all of the sinking line until I am into the backing. Be ready

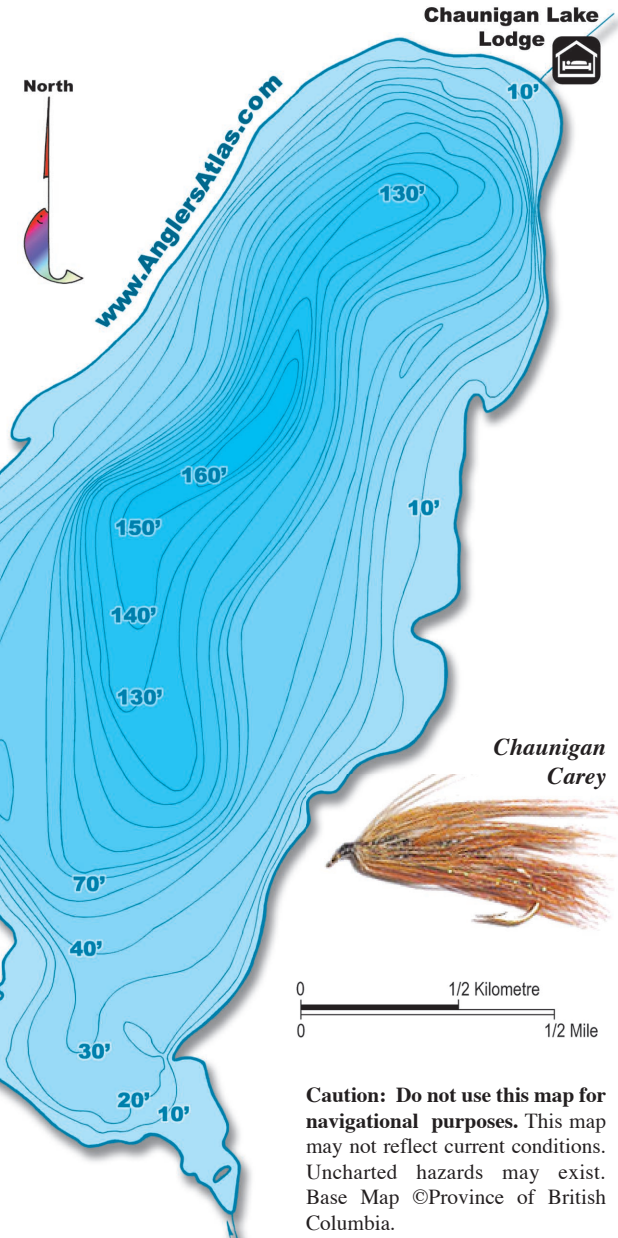
### LAKE ACCESS

From Williams Lake follow Highway 20 west for 85 kilometres to Hanceville and turn left (south) onto Taseko Lake Road, also referred to as the 900 Road, to the Nemiah Valley.

About 72 kilometres from the highway is a turnoff to Vedan Lake on the right (north) side of the road. Turn here and follow the road between Verden Lake and Elkin Lake, then continue up the hill to Chaunigan Lake Lodge, roughly seven kilometres.

**Chaunigan Lake Lodge** is located at the north end of the lake and offers anglers an exceptional fishing experience. Choose between the main lodge, deluxe or rustic cabins. Boat rentals are also at the lodge.

To learn more about the vacation options, visit their website [www.chaunigan.com](http://www.chaunigan.com)



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