

## OKANAGAN KEY MAP

The Okanagan Region covers the southern section of BC's interior and is flanked by the Monashee Mountains on the east and the Cascade Mountains on the west.

This area has hundreds of small and medium size trout lakes to explore as well as several big water lakes—mostly concentrated in the Okanagan Valley. Mabel and Sugar Lake are two exceptions lying in the northeast corner of the region and draining into Shuswap Lake.

This keymap highlights 16 lakes from the Okanagan region covering small, medium and large waterbodies.

Anglers in this region can target a variety of species including rainbow trout, lake trout, perch, bass and salmon. Rainbow trout are the most common species and a variety of strains can be found in this region.

Bass fishing in the region is quickly becoming a favorite sport with several lakes offering great opportunities

for this species. The chain of lakes connected by the Okanagan River (Osoyoos, Vaseux and Skaha Lakes) are fast becoming world class bass fishing lakes, with trophy catches coming out regularly.

Some of the lakes also have yellow perch, including Pinaus Lake featured on this map. These fish are ideal for kids learning to fish as they are easy to catch off a dock using just a hook and worm.

The bass and yellow perch are alien species, illegally introduced illegally several decades ago. **Stocking alien species is illegal** and anyone caught can face **severe penalties**.

However once the fish are established it is near impossible to remove them and as a result these fish are becoming popular targets for many anglers.

This is meant as an ap-

petizer to some of the great fishing lakes in this region. Around each lake shown are often dozens of other lakes that are just as productive. Maps for other lakes in this region are freely available from our website.

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