

Outdoor tips

If you forgot to bring a whet stone for sharpening your fillet knife or hooks, the rough edge on the bottom of a stoneware cup or plate is a good stand-in.

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If fishing in the Peace country and your line keeps breaking while you're trying to haul in whatever bit it, try a metal leader, because you might be catching fresh water sharks — Jack fish — northern pike.

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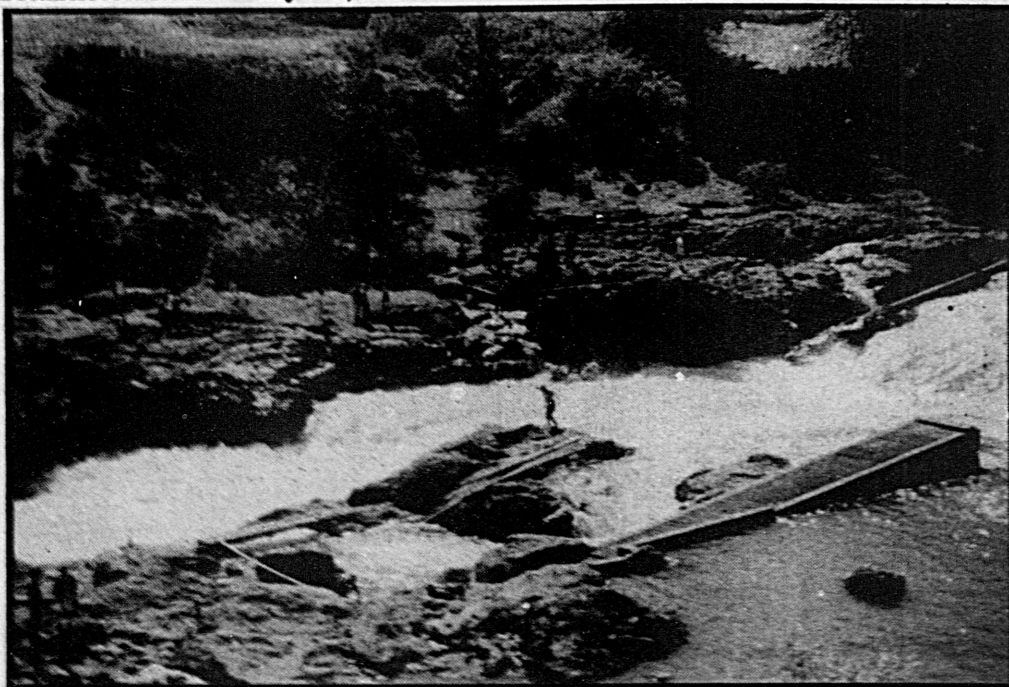
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Our 3 hp model weighs just 27.5 pounds and comes with a 1.5 US quart integral tank. Don't confuse any of these engines with discount store offerings. They come with a full complement of big outboard features including coated water passages, stainless steel parts and sacrificial zinc anodes for corrosion protection.

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White water at Moricetown.

Smithers area is popular

Smithers, one of the larger communities on the route to salt water fishing, might just delay those plans in favor of going after trout.

The area on the Bulkley River is well-known for its angling and hunting possibilities and its lighter rainfall than the coast.

The surrounding landscape offers fantastic opportunities for hikes, outdoor photography or just settling down in

the nearby provincial or national parks and relaxing.

According to local residents, trout are plentiful from May to fall, hitting flies, lures or worms behind a gangroll.

Good launching facilities are available at the region's many lakes: Babine, Chapman, Johnson and Round lakes.

An exciting sight from early July, are spawning



spring salmon (Chinook) making their way through the fish ladders at Moricetown Falls. In July, coho take their turn coming through and steelhead show up from about September until freeze-up.

Fishing statistics:

Angling, according to U.S. statistics, is a major outdoors activity when compared with many top-ranking sports.

A survey estimated more than 60 million anglers annually take to the waterways — 75 per cent of them older than 16.

This puts it third on their chart of comparisons, behind swimming (103 million) and cycling (72 million) and ahead of bowling (40 million), jogging (35 million), softball (28 million), tennis (25 million), golf (17 million) and sailing (10 million).

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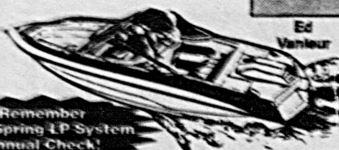
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