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Fly Fishing Marmot Lake This Fall

Marmot Lake is part of the Nazko River watershed west of Quesnel, and is a popular fly fishing lake for many anglers in the spring and fall seasons. The lake is stocked with

rainbow trout every year, and is known to produce some large fish—up to 20 inches on occasion.

But be prepared for a challenge, as this lake can frustrate even the most dedicated angler. Lewis Johnson, local author and guide, calls his lake "finicky" at times, but says if you are patient it can reward you with a real trophy.

Johnson's preferred patterns for this lake are Woolly Worms, Doc Spratleys, and Dragon Fly Nymphs. He also suggests trolling a Woolly Bugger very slowly, using fast sink lines in the deepest sections of the lake.

His book, *The Chronic Flyfisher*, can be purchased in local bookstores and tackle shops, and makes a great Christmas gift for those who want to learn more about local lakes and how to fish them.

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STOCKING PROGRAM

Species: Rainbow Trout

Date	# Fish	Stock	Life Cycle Stage
23-Sep-02	10,000	BLACKWATER DR	FALL FRY
27-Sep-01	10,500	BLACKWATER DR	FALL FRY
21-Sep-00	15,000	BLACKWATER DR	FALL FRY
14-Sep-99	15,000	BLACKWATER GE	FALL FRY
23-Sep-98	15,000	BLACKWATER DR	FRY
10-Sep-97	15,000	BLACKWATER GE	FALL FRY
10-Sep-96	15,000	BLACKWATER	FALL FRY
15-Sep-95	15,000	BLACKWATER GE	FALL FRY
15-Sep-94	15,000	BLACKWATER DR	FALL FRY
8-Sep-93	10,000	DRAGON	FALL FRY
10-Sep-92	15,000	DRAGON	FRY
5-Sep-91	10,000	TUNKWA	FALL FRY
5-Sep-90	10,000	SHERIDAN	FALL FRY
23-Aug-89	15,000	DRAGON	FALL FRY
1-Sep-88	15,000	SHERIDAN	UNKNOWN
1-Jun-88	5,000	NRT PREMIER	UNKNOWN

Stocking data for last fifteen years.

LAKE ACCESS:

From Prince George, head south along Highway 97 to Quesnel, then look for the sign that reads "West Quesnel". This will take you west, across the Fraser River. At the end of the bridge, follow the sign saying "Nazko," which will turn to the right. Follow this road for about 88 km, until you meet the Nazko General Store. The lake is located across from the store.

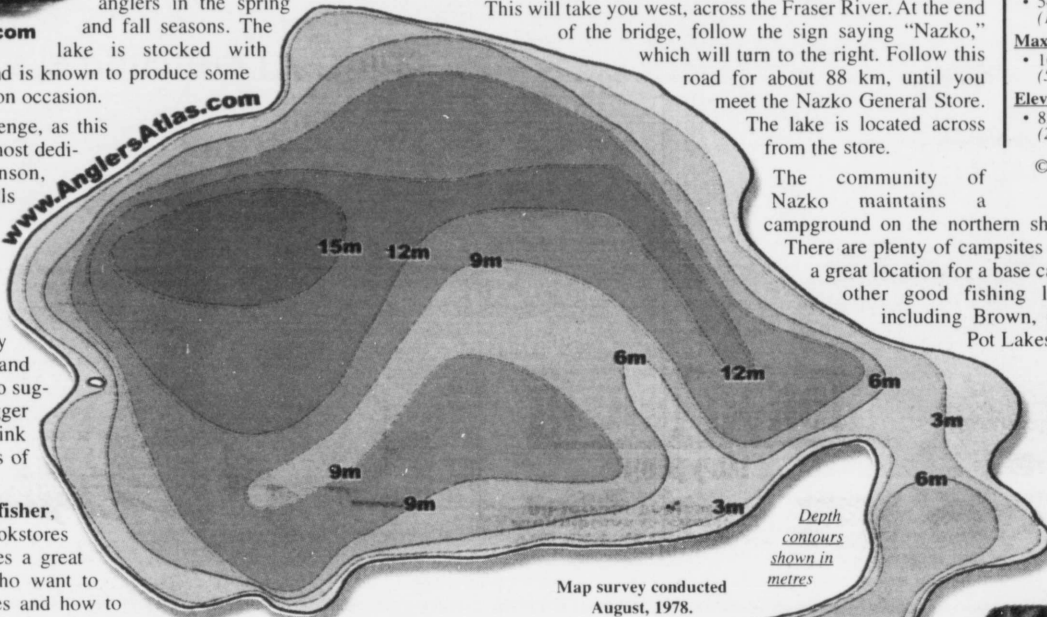
The community of Nazko maintains a campground on the northern shore of the lake. There are plenty of campsites available, and is a great location for a base camp, as there are other good fishing lakes close by, including Brown, Crater and Fish Pot Lakes.

Quick Facts

- Gazetted Name**
 - Marmot Lake
- Surface Area**
 - 54 Hectares (133 Acres)
- Maximum Depth**
 - 16.0 metres (52 feet)
- Elevation**
 - 850 metres (2,789 feet)

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Map survey conducted August, 1978.

Depth contours shown in metres

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