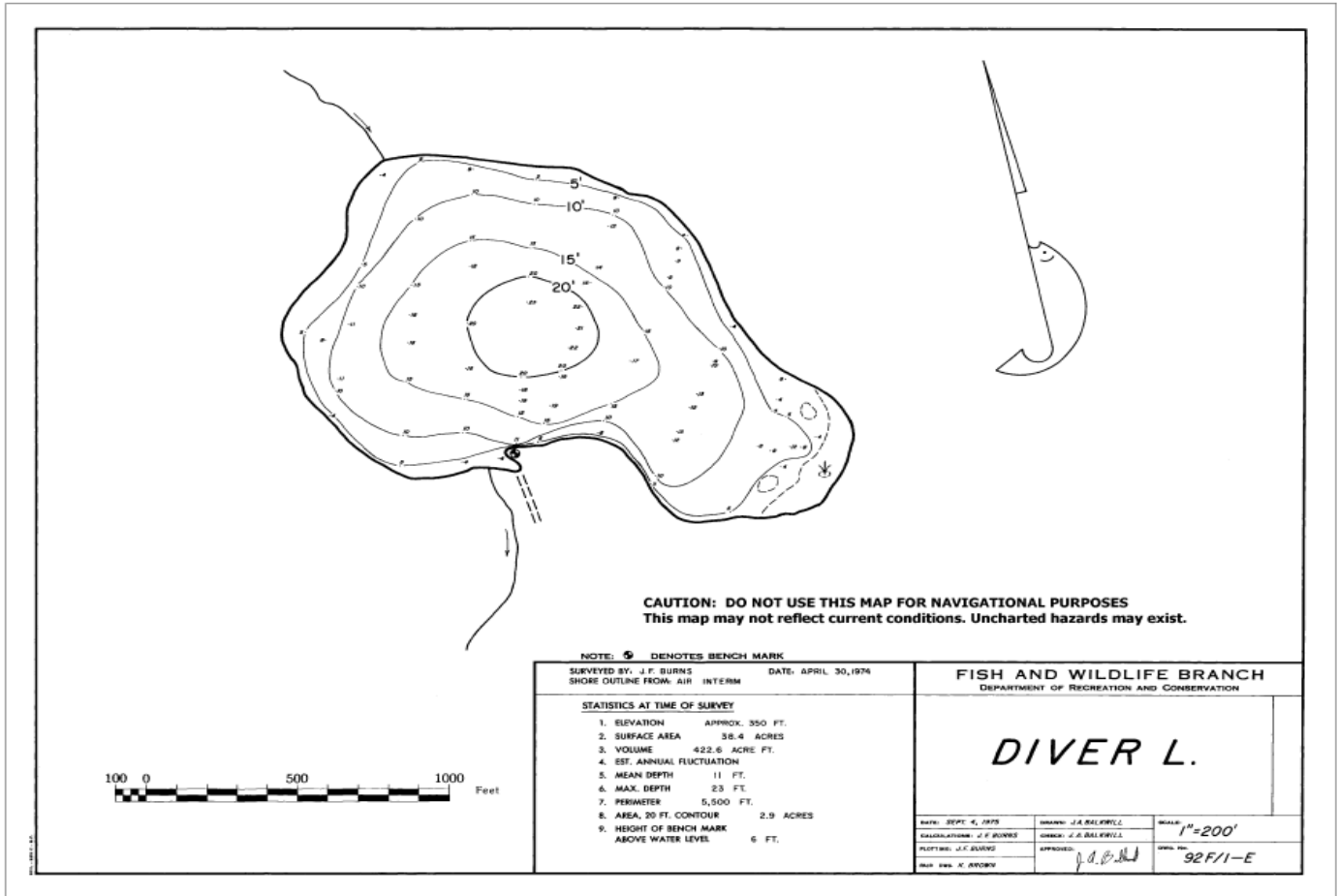


Diver Lake



Diver Lake is a small lake west of the Old Island Highway between Bowen Road and the Jingle Pot/Norwell Drive intersection. To get there take Bowen Road to Labieux Rd (beside Bowen Road Co-op gas bar). Follow Labieux road for 4 or 5 hundred metres until you see the Divers Lake sign on the right. It is only 40 metres or so to the launch area. There is no launch ramp where you back a boat down, but there is a low slope grassy area leading down to a gravelly beach where you can put in a small watercraft.

Diver Lake has the disadvantage of having a healthy (or unhealthy?) population of milfoil weeds which make it difficult if not impossible to fish the water at depths of less than 12 to 15 feet. (3 ½ to 4 ½ metres) This restricts your fishing to less than half the total area of the lake in the roughly circular area in the middle. There is some relief from the milfoil in the area in front of the wheelchair accessible fisher's dock which is to the right of the launch as you are going out on the lake.

Diver is stocked Spring and Fall with catchable Fraser Valley rainbows. To make life more interesting, the Fresh Water Fisheries Society dumps in some brood stock from the Duncan hatchery (a couple of hundred per year), so you have a chance of connecting with a trout of up to 5 or 6 lbs if you are fortunate enough to find them outside the weedy areas!

Because it is a low altitude, shallow lake, Diver is one of the first to produce fish in the spring. These early spring fish are palatable, if not prime eating but quickly lose their edibility.

Flies to use in Diver Lake include leeches and micro-leeches in browns, olives and blacks with or without bead heads. Spratleys, Half backs and Dragon nymph imitations are useful at times. When the lake warms to the point that there is lots of surface activity, any small dry fly will produce fish for you. A small muddler fished on a sink tip should produce some cutthroat for you as well.

The fishing improves again in the fall as the water cools. Fishing near the launch ramp after the fall release of catchables can produce some good catches.



14 inch Diver Lake catchable (caught in April 2015)