

# Kamloops Area Fishing Report

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Got back Thursday evening from a week's fishing in Kamloops area. The lakes are really behind where they would normally be, so we were a bit restricted which waters we could fish. Roche Lake and other nearby lakes were ice free but in the middle of turnover, so we didn't go there. Dairy and Duffy were still frozen. We tried Leighton one blustery day and only managed to get cold hands (and other parts!) with only one bite and no hookups to show for 6 hours of effort. Tried everything in our arsenal too. The water was only 46 to 48 F on the surface, so I think it will be a while to get them motivated to bite.

On the positive side, we had 5 days of fishing on Morgan Lake which is a 15 minute drive up the hill from Savona (water temp here was 51 to 53).



**Launch Site on Morgan Lake**

This is a fly fishing only, catch and release lake with abundant food and a mix of Blackwaters and Fraser Valley trout strains.

It has a reputation for some sizeable fish and for us lived up to that reputation. We managed to catch a dozen to two dozen fish per day with close to half being in the 18 to 23 inch range.



### **Brother David on Morgan Lake**

These were all quite stocky fish with the 18 inch ones approaching 3 lbs in size and the 23 inch ones up to 6 or 7 lbs.

They were taking chironomids well (20 ft leader) in the mornings then turned right off and started taking micro leeches and scuds fished on the long leaders as well.

Its a beautiful lake with incredibly rich insect life as well as lots of birds,



**Canada Geese family**

turtles and other wildlife to look at.



**Western Painted Turtle**

It also is nestled in a bit of a hollow so doesn't suffer from the gale force winds we encountered on Leighton Lake.

The fish were real tanks



**Brother Wayne with lunker from Morgan Lake caught on chironomid pattern**

. . . put my 3/4 weight switch rod through its paces! Finally changed to a 6 weight and found I could control them a bit easier!



**Yours truly with chunky Morgan fish**

Not very much in the way of acrobatics although some put on a real show!

Cheers

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