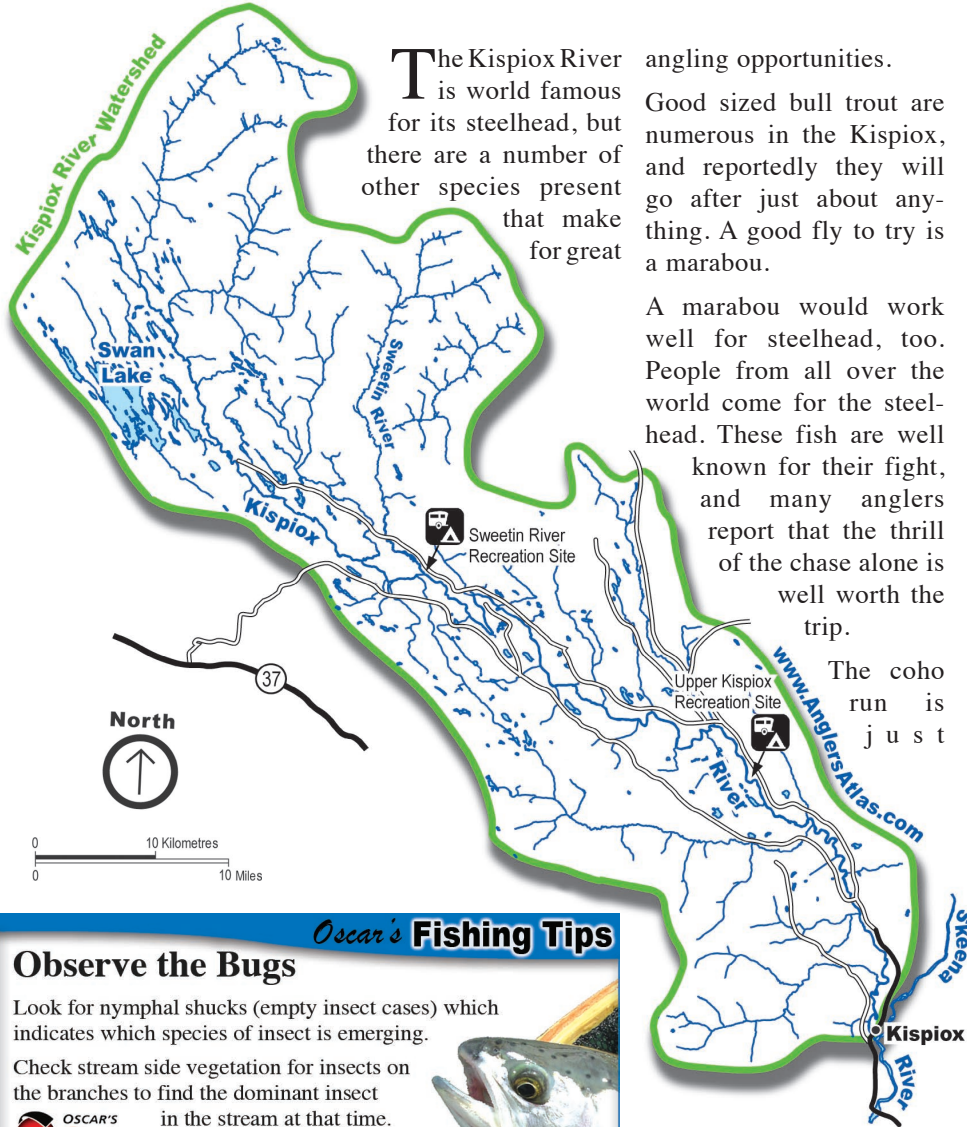


Steelhead a Favorite on the Kispiox, but lots of variety as well!



The Kispiox River is world famous for its steelhead, but there are a number of other species present that make for great

angling opportunities. Good sized bull trout are numerous in the Kispiox, and reportedly they will go after just about anything. A good fly to try is a marabou.

A marabou would work well for steelhead, too. People from all over the world come for the steelhead. These fish are well known for their fight, and many anglers report that the thrill of the chase alone is well worth the trip.

The coho run is just

beginning as well, and should pick up soon. They can be caught with Vibrex spinners, or blue or pink bunnies. Good flies to try would be blue or black moons, or intruders.

For fishing coho, jigs are becoming quite popular. The marabou jig can be quite lifelike, and coho will often strike from a distance to get it.

Using a standard steelhead rod, anywhere from nine to ten-and-a-half feet, cast the float and jig along the river seam and let it float with the current.

Make sure the float is running the same speed as the current. Free spool the float down the seam, with the jig hanging below it. Keeping most of your line out of the water helps reduce the drag.

Please remember to consult the Freshwater Fishing Regulations as well as the Federal Fisheries Regulations for information before you

head out. The Kispiox River is Classified Waters and special regulations apply. The coho fishery is open until September 30, and all wild steelhead are catch and release only. A number of other restrictions are in place for this river.

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ABOUT THE RIVER

The Kispiox River runs for 160 kilometres before meeting the Skeena River, just north of New Hazelton. Its a diverse system with the headwaters beginning at productive Swan Lake.

There are a lot of feeder creeks with a big variety of fish and habitat.

The river is home to all six salmon species, as well as bull trout and numerous other sport and coarse fish populations. Lamprey are also found in the watershed.

RIVER ACCESS

From Prince George head west along Highway 16 to the town of New Hazelton. Turn right (north) through the town, and continue to the Village of Kispiox, located at the confluence of this river and the Skeena.

There are several forestry roads that lead up the Kispiox River. The Kispiox Trail road winds along the north side of the River, with two recreation sites on the side of the road. See map for details.

Access to the northern portion of the watershed can be done through Highway 37, at Cranberry Junction.

Caution: Do not use this map for navigational purposes. This map may not reflect current conditions. Uncharted hazards may exist. Base Map ©Province of British Columbia.

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Observe the Bugs

Look for nymphal shucks (empty insect cases) which indicates which species of insect is emerging.

Check stream side vegetation for insects on the branches to find the dominant insect in the stream at that time.



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