

## OFF's Okanogan Outing (May 4-8)

Join fellow Club members fishing a variety of Okanogan lakes in the Omak area, including Omak lake on the Colville Indian Reservation. A tribal permit is required to fish Omak. We'll drive over Thursday, May 4 and meet for dinner at 7 pm at Koala Street Grill on Highway 97 next to the Best Western hotel. We'll drive home Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Fishing schedule:

- Thursday May 4: Drive to Omak. Fish Rat Lake or Buzzard Lake depending on which way you are coming.
- Friday May 5: Fish Chopaka Lake NW of Loomis.
- Saturday May 6: Fish Omak Lake for steelhead-size Lahontan trout.
- Sunday May 7: Fish Blue Lake in the Sinlahekin wildlife area.
- Monday May 8: Travel home day. For those wanting to fish on the way, we suggest Rat Lake, Buzzard Lake, or the Green Lakes.

Omak Lake is located about 8 miles (15 minutes) from the town of Omak via the Omak Lake Road (call M. Truax 425 672-6963 for directions). Omak Lake can be fished from beaches at both the north and south ends. During April and May the fish move into shallower water and can be fished by shore wading or from pontoon boats/prams which can be launched from either beach. Omak Lake can be windy which can prevent fishing. As a contingency plan should conditions become too breezy while we are there, we would shift fishing to some of the smaller lakes in the area.

The town of Omak is a regional population center with a large fly shop located in North Forty ranch store located about ½ miles north of town on Highway 97. Tribal fishing permits can be purchased here, at Walmart or at Tribal Trails, a service station/convenience store on Highway 97 south of Omak.

Better Omak motels include the Rodeway Inn on Main Street (509) 826-0400, the Omak Inn on Highway 97 (509) 826-3822 and the Best Western/Peppertree on Highway 97 (509) 422-2088.

Attachments describe suggested flies and fly fishing equipment and what to expect when fishing Omak Lake.