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Please read below information and PM me to let me know if you'll be attending. Since it is such a small town environment up there, I'd like to give the motel owner and local diner a quick heads up if there's going to be a group of 15+ people making the trip.

The original announcement was to have a September 'mini-jam' 3 day weekend. September 24, 25 and 26. As I had mentioned, I will be going up with my buddy Josh on the Wednesday September 22nd (weather & flows permitting). I'd like to get some type of feel / commitment for how many will make the trip to the Delaware River and Catskills with us in September. If you want to join us for 1, 2 or 5 days.... come on along!

I've been working on getting some goodies for a raffle but would need a pretty decent turnout for the shop owners to donate anything and that's why I'm trying to get a head count 10 weeks in advance.

Things you should bring:

8 ½' or longer fly rods in 4-6 weight

Waders with felt or studded soles

Rain Jacket

Net

Wading staff (for some)

Warm clothing

Camera

Caddis, olives, nymphs, streamers

Patience and sense of humor

Also....

Feel free to bring a canoe, kayak, drift boat or pontoon boat if you have one. There's plenty of parking at the motel and I'm sure you'll be able to find a group of guys to float with. Several area shops or locations also rent canoes, kayaks or drift boats.

*** At this time, I have two local shop owners and guides that would be willing to stop by and do a seminar on fishing the Delaware, give tips / techniques for the river and provide some history of the area. Please let me know in your PM if this is something that would interest you.

*** I also mentioned a vehicle tour of the different waters, famous pools, access points and a trip to the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum. Let me know if this is something that would interest you.

*** You may follow your GPS which takes 15-30 minutes longer or I can PM detailed driving directions for you.

Area Lodging:

Capra Motel

The Hancock House

The Delaware River Club

West Branch Angler

Smith's Colonial Motel

East Branch Motel

Timberline Motel

Deposit Motel

The Baxter House

Area Fly Shops:

Catskill Flies

Border Water Outfitters

The Delaware River Club

West Branch Angler

The Beaverkill Angler

The Baxter House

Area Brown and Rainbow Trout Waters:

12 miles – Delaware River main stem

17 miles - West Branch of the Delaware River

17 miles - Upper East Branch of Delaware River

12 miles – Lower East Branch of Delaware River

15 miles – Beaverkill River

7 miles – Willowemoc River

Too many area wild brook trout streams to mention.

In late September, the insect activity is slower or more spotty than in the spring but still should rival or surpass what is seen by most anglers when fishing in PA. This trip will give you an opportunity to take wild browns and rainbows, many wearing their fall spawning colors. The fish will average between 16-22". At that time of the year all methods will be effective (dry, nymph, streamer). Die hard fisherman will have the chance of a fish in the 24-30" range during low/no light periods on streamers or stimulator dries.

If you haven't been to that area in a while, it's time you got back there again. If you've never been there but are curious to see what all the chat is about or if you'd like to experiment on new waters, please join us. I'm not discouraging 'newbies' from coming but the fishing is fairly tough / technical. If you're a beginner, we'll find a way to get you catching fish but don't be disappointed if you are less successful than on your local waters. Jdaddy from this forum had about 4 months of fly fishing under his belt and joined me last September. He took fish on the Beaverkill, Esopus, West Branch and Main Stem. I can't tell you how good that is for a first timer. The only place he had trouble was the Upper East but that river is very, very tough and hold some real monsters with a masters in fly refusal.