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I fished the Yough near Confluence, PA on Sat. from about 7am on and off thru about 2pm and then again from 8pm to 9pm. I fished from the East Bank near Ramcatt Trail. I was wade fishing, mostly fro the same spot. We were there for a friend's bachelor party so it was not exactly a fishing trip but i brought a little gear and and wet a line when i had a chance. The water was cool, probably in the mid to low 60's. The air was in the mid 80s. The flows were swift although i imagine pretty average for this river. There were lots of fisherman out on the west bank. Lots of canoes and rafts as well.

I swung conehead buggers mostly. Only caught two fish... a very small smallmouth bass and something i didn't recognize. It was about 7 or 8 inches. shaped like a smallie. had small, light colored scales. black spotted tail, yellow splotches on the scales, and a gill-plate like a perch with kind of a sharp point. Definitely not a carp.. no lips, it had a jaw similar to a perch or a smallie. pointed snout. i figured it was something in the perch family but not a yellow. no tiger stripes. never caught anything like it before.

no trout although i had a few takes that i didn't get to hand in the swift current.

beautiful water and i was glad to fish it, even with few rewards. i would have liked to fish with someone who knew the area a bit. i'm sure there are tricks. also, i forgot forceps and snips so i didn't change flies as much as i'd have liked and didn't mess with weight at all. both would have helped me be successful. i don't often fish such big water and didn't really know how to approach it. especially from shore.