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Folks:

I'm relying on the assumption that any conversation that involves gear usually gets people talking, and I'm curious to hear what folks are packing when they go after Smallmouth. I have three variants am am curious to hear if others have made similar choices.

River Set-up:

Rod: Sage Fli 8 weight (amazing action - and moderately priced)

Reel: Redington CD (inexpensive and amazing cork drag)

Line: Sci Angler Bass Taper Floating

Leader: Usually very long:

8 feet of commercial 8lb test made for spin/bait casting.

5 feet of good f-carbon -- Scientific Angler makes a nice 2x or 3x bass tippet.

Lake Set Up:

Same rod and reel as above

Line: 8wt Rio's Clouser Taper -- very heavy tip -- floating. -- I also bring a spool of intermediate sinking line for streamers near big drop offs.

Leader: Again, longish. 10 feet of the cheesy mono mentioned above -- ready for this -- tinted green. Two feet of f-carbon tippet 2x or 3x.

Larger Stream Set Up:

Rod: 6 weight TFO Professional (this rod has very nice action)

Reel: Anything will do I use everything from an old Orvis Clearwater to a Battenkill Bar Stock.

Line: Cortland Bass Taper, Floating.

Leader: 4x - 5x Sci Angler

I like the bigger guns for lakes and rivers, because you never know what might grab your line -- I caught my first pike (by mistake) on Chambers Lake in Wagontown. -- I was glad I had an 8 weight.

Lake Smallmouth Flies: Big nymphs -- and sometimes small ones -- Caddis work. Glo-bugs. I twitch these little guys slowly and have had amazing luck this summer. Woolly Buggers. Giant Hoppers. Deer Hair Divers.

Rivers: Hellgramite imitations (incredibly effective). Caddis Nymphs. Big Hoppers. Very buggy stoneflies.

Streams: Nymphs. Big Dries (I like green drakes). Hellgramites.

Do others take similar or radically different approaches?