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First let me say that I was unable to fly fish because my girlfriend accidentally snapped the tip of my rod in the car door when we returned home to Fayette County Fri night from DC...so it was a weekend of spin fishing with some improvised fly-tying (tied jigs). Anyway, what a weekend! Took my little sis on Sat starting at the mouth. Caught a 22" Tiger around 8 am (pic #1). Water flow and color was perfect as was the 60+ degree air temp. Ended up catching around ten, and we stopped just below the Big Hole.

Sunday was maybe the best day I have ever had on the stream in 7 years in terms of quality of fish. My buddy and I started at the Big Hole and on the third cast I caught this 23" Brown (pic #2). But a little further upstream I hooked into the biggest trout I have caught in quite some time. I hooked into this 26" Rainbow which I (actually this was a tag team effort...we had no net, very, very light line, and almost no safe area to land the beast) fought for well over 20 minutes and it ran us 150 yards down stream. Think Brad Pitt in A River Runs Through It. This was no recent stocker. It was in perfect shape and brutally strong. I was not able to horse the fish in and she would not tire. It was unreal. It ran and ran downstream into areas that we had no shot of landing her. Those of you that fish this great stream know that it can be tretchorous in spots to wade, let alone get to a fish. Long story short I handed my buddy my rod to scale over a rock and continue to follow the pig downstream where I leaned on a boulder over white water and was successful in grabbing her tail and getting her out of the water for a quick pic (pic #3). I was shaking for a half hour after.

We ended up catching several other quality fish (pic #4 - 19" brook, pic #5 - 25" palomino).

The water again was perfect on Sunday with an air temp around 40 with occassional rain showers...we saw 4 other fisherman.

My favorite place when I come home.



