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Re: Let's Start Steelhead Fever

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ryguyfi wrote:

Also look at the web cam for Uncle Johns. No one is fishing. Yeah it's Monday, but where there's fish, there's fishermen. That spot's only about a mile up from the mouth of Elk.

It's a long response, but not all is fishing related.

Webcam didn't work for me, but I was there yesterday.

I decided to take the day off and took the wife for a ride. no idea where we were headed when we left the house, but since wife likes the lake, the trip turned into a scouting trip. I checked out 4 different creeks. Crooked, Elk, Trout Run, and Walnut.

Crooked still looked like Yoohoo, but the water was not high. Don't know why anyone would even want to fish that crick, but I was in the area and figured I'd check it out. Small stream that gets muddy and stays muddy with just a heavy dew. OK, I'm exaggerating, but you get the point. I do not consider this to be a spot burn since the knowledge of this creek is readily available from a couple different sites.

After that, we continued East. After a very pleasant walk with my wife back to the bluffs and back, we drove down to the mouth of Elk Creek. The walk was so pleasant that I only thought about pushing her over the edge once or twice. 😊

I believe I saw the wake from just one steelhead at Elk, a little ways up from the boat ramp. But I didn't see the fish. At first I thought it was from wind, but it made a full circle. I suppose it still could have been caused by wind. There were 2 or 3 anglers fishing below the boat ramp in the usual spots, and supposedly one fish had been landed. Water was still off color. I'm sure there were a few fish in there, but you couldn't see them. A couple fly anglers could be seen further upstream. Water was high enough for fish to move up, and likely a few did. I've caught steelhead in Elk Creek as early as late August before. If you are just out to get out and away from crowds, ... But if you want to get into some fish, you might have your work cut out for you.

Next was Trout Run, just to see if any were in the creek yet. I think that was the first time I ever visited there. Water was back down and clearing. Couldn't see any fish. Possibly one, but I think it was a shadow from a rock.

Other than that, if there were any they were in the shadow by the wall. Quite sunny out yesterday. No anglers on the beach. Just a couple other people scouting from their cars, and one wimpy looking guy catching a few rays right at the mouth of the creek.

From there, I drove to Walnut. Couldn't help but go by Manchaser because route 5 was closed at the top of the hill (construction).

No fish in the project holes on Walnut. Water was back down and clear enough to see if there was actually something to see. There were a few people fishing off the wall down by the marine. We walked around a little bit there as well. Is it just me or is the singange all messed up in that parking lot. Everywhere I went seemed to be "wrong way." Trying to confuse the mupears and ohesians I guess.

I NEVER fish the project waters or Manchaser hole (intentional misspelling). Too crowded for me and I just don't feel the love that some of you guys obviously feel. This was simply a scouting trip.

Final stop was the mall. Wife bought some clothes while I sat and read Car and Driver. the 2013 Vette is gonna be cool. Wife got a few decent discounts at Coldwater Creek. \$20 bucks off just for trying on a pair of pants, and she didn't even have to buy those pants. Something about changing their style and wanting to get women to try them. Hell for \$20 maybe I shuld have tried on a pair. LOL! Wife liked the new cut. More appealing to conservative middle aged women. You know, the ones that don't think it is cool to show their but crack and the ones that actually have money. Bout time a store started making clothes for that Demographic. Another \$30 off on their catalog for purchases over \$100. Well, it was obviously over a hundred, but think of the money I saved.



We then ate at the Firebird Grill. It was quite good. I talked the wife into getting the surf and turf which was \$38 bucks by itself. She loves lobster. 8oz tail and 7oz filet grilled perfectly. I had the ribeye which was also grilled perfectly. the loaded baked potato was awesome. We also shared an appetizer. With drinks and almost 20% tip, I got out of there for just under a C. Very good service, but I couldn't see going over \$16 for a tip.

All in all, a very pleasant day spent with the old girl, and I can I confirm that there was not a significant run of steelhead east of Erie. But I hear there was a decent run on Valley Creek over by Philly. 😊

Note: We had eaten lunch at the State Street diner in Connecticut Ohio. First time I was ever in there. Quite awesome hamburger. I highly recommend for those finding themselves in Conneaut Ohio. Nice little place. Low ceilings. It makes even short people feel tall. 😊