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Ok, to go along with what Fishidiot observed, I have read reports in newspapers etc. calling the yough "infertile". Whats the deal? It is a pseudo tailwater, arent they typically "very fertile" due to the plankton and algae growing in the stillwater above the dam release? This then leads to an incredible population of filter feeding insects. However, the yough cant be a true tailwater, because of it mixing with a freestone WW stream. So, what is it?

I have never noticed or observed much bug activity on the river. Ive never seen a fish rise. I havent seen much in the way of bug life on rocks. I have only seen a decent amount of stonefly shucks. Still, they are never too abundant.

Now, with all of this observation, I still wanted to ask fishidiot why he said the river was infertile. I even typed up a decent response last night, but never posted it. Like him, I have never noticed much in the way of bugs, but unlike him, I have always observed tons of baitfish, and enormous crayfish. I assume it cant be infertile if it holds that quantity of baitfish.

Cant agree more with what everyone said about the river. Everytime I walk away from the river, I have a heart to heart discussion with myself on whether i would ever care to fish it again. The answer is always "no". I hate it. Wading it requires so much effort. You walk the damn trail for miles to reach accessible stretches. All of this would be forgivable if you had banner days, but they never come. My last outing I managed two river chubs and one 11" smallmouth. I had 4 trout on(one of them being a beefy 18" bow) and a smallie around 16-17". This always happens. I hook into some decent fish after 7 hours of fishing and they get off. It is salt in the wound. And still, i go back. I dont know if I do it out of stupidity or what, but I cant get enough of the yough. I find myself day dreaming about it while commuting, and live for the day I "crack it". I am not 100% this river is even crackable, but im borderline obsessed with it.