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We trailer our drift boat up last August, and spent two weeks floating and fishing.The main branch is HUGE (Medway down) productive, but the East branch is where it's at for Smallies! More fishable in size, and exponentially more scenic. We caught more fish between the 3 of us everyday than we could count; and if it rains; even better. Even in the worst storm the fish go bonkers! We landed fish every day in the 5-8lb range!! No BS. I mostly fished a 5wt, but an 8wt was honestly needed for some fish. Top water was productive, but Murdich minnows, and brown tan and gold clousers caught way more fish. The West branch is a totally different river all together. Colder faster flow, and predominately a land lock salmon river. I'm sure there are lunkers in there, but most were 12"-16". Better than most trout fishing anywhere. They're just more aggressive. A 5wt is plenty, and stonefly patterns is all I could get fish on!??! They did take them regularly though. Most of this water in NOT wade-able. Tanic water with big rocky structure. Some sandy spot. Oh yeah; lots of leaches in fast and slow water. Big ones! The salmon was fun, but dull in comparison to the smallie action. It's the real reason to go this time of year. There's a camp ground on the east branch about 4mi north of Medway called Pine Grove. They have simple, cheep, pleasant cottages.The owners name is Jeff and he's a real salt of the Earth kinda guy. If you do have your own boat they will take you and drop you off for a small fee. Basically gas money. The deal can't be beat because we found all of this out the hard way. A canoe is what 90% of people use to float everything but the West Branch. If you have one save yourself a pile of money on the guided trip because outside of the fly in stuff, the fish are eager and plentiful. Second thought; you probably could rent a canoe. Anyone up there; especially Jeff will tell you where the different launch and take out points are along the river. It's easy to do anything from a half day to a multi -day . Most importantly be prepared for possible cold weather snaps, and I highly recommend getting mosquito repelling clothing because I've never witnessed such bad bugs in the early AM and evening, and I lived in Florida. I know that's a lot, but I hope it helps.