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I took a day trip out to the Upper Savage river sunday. The reports were that good brook trout fishing was to be had on tiny black stoneflies, so I reluctantly drove past the lower river and fished above the lake. My buddy joined me, and we arrived to twenty degree temps, shelf ice in some locations, and a lot of slush in the stream. The water temps were in the 30s, but as the day warmed the conditions improved.

I did not see any hatches on the upper savage, but the fish were sitting in the likely holding areas. We fished dry droppers for the better part of the day, mostly using the dry fly as light indicator for fishing some of the nicer 2-3 foot deep runs with prince nymphs and pheasant tails. Fishing was as good, as one can expect with the conditions. We caught about ten brookies throughout the morning, and we switched over the lower savage around 1pm. The lower savage river conditions were good, and I saw plenty of tiny size 20 stoneflies and a few midges. The fishing was slow, due to the cold water, but we managed a few more nice rainbows and my buddy took a cuttie and a brown to round out a grand slam.

Overall, it was a great trip given the time of year. I cannot wait for the Olives, as they should be showing up on the southern PA limestoners soon!!!

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