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Fished the FFO section of Clarks Creek today. Air temp was about 55*, light breeze, water temp 47*, very low for this time of year and crystal clear. Fished for about 2 hours, had one take on a caddis nymph and brought either a wild or holdover to hand - bright orange spots (no red), about 10" in length.

About 8-10 cars scattered along the 2 mile stretch. I fished about 1 mile of the stream, but only ran into two other fisherman at either end of my journey. One fisherman reported finding bait containers in two of the lower holes in the FFO section and not many fish in the deep holes (it was just stocked less than 10 days ago).

I saw a couple of fish in areas where the big white buckets visited, close to access points. Clarks Creek is probably one of my top 3 streams that I have fished over the last decade, but not in the FFO area. I have got to say, and will probably take heat from some of the regulars that frequent it, that it is not an impressive stretch of water. I would say that about 85% of the mile stretch that I hit today wouldn't, couldn't or didn't hold fish. Very shallow water, not much cover and the bottom was covered with silt. Sure, there are nice areas in the FFO, but they seem to be the exception. Its been a while since I was last there and it will be a while before I return.

The blue heron that I kept bumping into, however, seemed to like it.