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Re: Pine/Kettle creek magic?
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Quote:

> dsmith1427 wrote:
> Great thread. I enjoyed the different perspectives. My family has a cabin in NC PA and I really enjoy meeting my brothers and cousins at least once a year and fishing the different streams. It is such a pretty area and can only be matched by places out west, IMO. I have some great fly fishing here in Michigan but would rather travel back to PA.
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> There are several posts criticizing stockies Is there ever a time when a stocked fish looses it's this tag. At what point do they adapt to their environment and become wild? Or does it just get reclassified as a "holdover." When you have a fish on the end of the line and cannot see it can you tell if it is a stocked, "holdover", or wild fish? Not to hijack the thread but I'm interested in hearing other peoples view on this thought.
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> Don

Stockies become holdovers after they spend some time in the stream.
They do become a bit more colored up than when they left the hatchery. But you can still tell that they're not wild fish by their appearance.

I have nothing against stocked fish. There are times and places where I still fish for them. But I still prefer to go for wild ones when i can.
As for the original gist of this thread -
It takes me 2.5 hours to get to the little juniata river, where I can catch nice size wild trout.
Or travel almost twice that far to go to pine creek, where I'll catch mostly stockers. A no-brainer IMO