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Camped at Poe Paddy campground Wednesday through Sunday AM. Had a great time as per our usual annual tradition. Very heavy rains came through Friday evening at 5PM and shut Penns Creek down. Flow was muddy and running 1,500 cfs making things unfishable Friday night and Saturday. On Saturday we fished Spring Creek for a while (also muddy) and then messed around on Poe.

Wednesday through Friday noon provided excellent fishing in the catch and release only section. Flow was 800 cfs on Wednesday falling to about 650 by Friday afternoon; that is all wadable on Penns if you have good balance and a strong staff. The clarity was good but not too clear which often works to the anglers advantage. We experienced a nice Hendrickson hatches as well as Grannom hatches and egg layers. I was able to fish dry flies 70% of the time and only spent moderate periods of times with no fish at all rising. At peak hatch times the rises were excellent and in the slower times there was usually a rising fish somewhere to be found. Had double digit catch days every day. The quality brown trout has improved in this stretch in the last two years. I caught no brown trout below 12 inches. 90% were 14 inches and above and a few were 18 inches. I achieved a Trifecta one day catching a Brookie, Browns, of course, and a surprising Rainbow. Water temperature measured 53 degrees on Friday late morning. I also observed some Blue Quill hatching although it was not clear that any fish were rising to them. No good spinner falls were experienced in the evenings this trip.