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A great time indeed.

My own fishing report is actually a bit mixed. Arrived Friday evening and, after the campsite set up and obligatory chat, I only had about an hour before dark and just decided to head toward Penns. Found a pull off with nobody around and, with probably only about 40 minutes to fish, I blundered into one of the densest sulphur hatches I've ever witnessed and had great fun till dark.

On Saturday, I fished hard on the Little J upstream from Spruce Creek but, at least where I was, there were no bugs and no rises. I worked very hard for hours just to stick a couple on nymphs. After lunch, I joined dkile and Maurice and we went down to Baree. It was still slow - a few rises and a couple hook ups, but not much happening and nymphs didn't produce for me. Dave and Maurice stayed later after I left and did better. After driving down to Huntington to gas up the car, I drove back up to Spruce Creek and watched from the bridge by the church: there were a lot of fishermen but nothing happening. On a hunch, I decided to go check the George Harvey section of Spruce Creek: only one car and I had the whole lower end to myself and the sulphurs started to pop. It wasn't really fast but a steady pick in the riffles and I think I stuck every riser I saw - all cookie cutter wild browns about 10 inches. A #16 parachute sulphur did the trick. It was a tough day on the LJ but Spruce Creek in the evening more than made up for it.

Sunday morning I cleared camp and drove to Fishermen's Paradise. There were only a couple guys on the lower end and I had plenty of room. Saw no bugs and no risers. Nymphing the runs on the far bank under the trees was pretty productive however and I got my best fish of the 2013 jam, a 14" brown. I usually fish on my way home but needed to get back a bit earlier so my fishing wrapped up at about 1pm on Sunday. Overall, pretty darn good fishing. Other guys I talked to had much better luck on Saturday.