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I fished Oil Creek this past Sunday. The water was low and clear, the air was cool and it was a beautiful sunny day. I did not take a water temp.

I was in the water by about 8:00am, it was cold, roughly 48 degrees, and no fish were rising. I started by searching with a tan caddis dry/dropper rig. It was sloooooow until about 11:00am when the air warmed to the mid 50s, the bugs started popping and fish began rising.

I ended up landing 3 trout that day, 2 browns, 1 rainbow, and a bonus smallmouth bass. I hooked and lost two other trout. The first trout I lost was a memorable rainbow that leaped out of the water on the hook set and gave a few more spirited jumps as the fight went on. It threw the hook on the third jump. It was a spectacular fish, the take and the aerial display were the best of the day. This fish gave me such a rush, I got the best of that fish despite losing it. I didn't get a look at the second trout I lost, it hit the dry fly in a boil and broke off almost immediately. I found the tippet was frayed from the previous fish, upon closer inspection. Oh well, you can't win them all.

By the time I left around 5:30, it was about 60 degrees. I saw a lot of tan caddis, some sulphers, and some cream cahills. The fish seemed to be focused on the tan caddis which was most abundant.

It was a pretty good day on Oil Creek.

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