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Did a one day run to Penns yesterday anticipating increasing clouds during the day and decent air temps. Instead it was sunny skies and warm. Not the formula for a good day on Penns Creek. Fished the upper C&R section as far downstream as what I believe many refer to as Rainbow Riffle and the flat below it.

The barricades at the Paddy tunnel were removed when I got there although there is much signage indicating the tunnel remains closed. At the urging of some guys in the camp at the trestle I went through the tunnel and it looked the same as always. Unfortunately the barricade on the far side of the tunnel was tossed down the bank into the woods and will now be someone's job to haul out.

The stream was low. Hopefully today's rain is falling in that area. Most prominent insects were a fairly steady hatch of a large (#14?) olive. Also some sporadic caddis, a left over sulfur or two and a smaller white mayfly (cahill?). I never did figure out what those fish that were rising were eating but I suspect it was the olive as it emerged. Several fish going nuts for emergers in rainbow riffle. Only got one decent fish on top on a slate drake emerger of all things. Caught several smaller fish on a cdc caddis. Most fish were caught on an olive bead head soft hackle caddis in the riffles. Also some action with a pheasant tail soft hackle. The Broadwater had a lot of rising fish but getting to them without spooking them in the low water is a major challenge.

By the time I got back to the tunnel around 6:00pm someone had put yellow caution tape across both entrances. I went "up and over" on the way out which generated a nice sweat on a warm day. Saw no rattle snakes and only three other fishermen. No ticks either. Guess for many once the drakes are over the season ends? Shocked it was so deserted. Water stil felt cool.