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Hey guys, havent posted in awhile.

Went exploring today to a stream thats been on my list for awhile. The hike in wasnt too bad, about 20 minutes. I arrived at the small stream in the high elevations of the allegheny front and started with a parachute adams. As i worked my way upstream, i caught many brookies and even my first wild tiger trout(i ended up catching two). The tiger trout surprised me, because the stream is quite remote, not stocked, the larger stream it flows into is heavily polluted(no upstream migration of browns), and out of the 25 or so fish i caught, all were brookies(except for the 2 tigers). After fishing upstream about 1/2 mile, i came upon a small impoundment about 100 feet across that had cold(60 deg. or so), crystal clear water with vegetation everywhere and many springs flowing in. There was fish rising, but they were towards the middle of the pond and there was little casting room. As i worked my way up the shoreline of the pond, i saw a dam about 10 ft. high on the upper end. I walked around the dam, and got a full view of another pond/lake. It was just like the lower one, only much bigger and deeper. It appeared to be the uppermost impoundment, so i figured it would be much colder than the lower one. I saw rising fish on the other side of the lake, so i walked down the breast of the dam to see if i could reach them with a cast. As i was walking down the breast of the dam i saw numerous brook trout cruising the bottom, a couple were over 14". When i got to far end of the dam near the spillway, i threw on a adams and started casting. The rising fish were 40-50 ft. away at least, and i struggled to even cast that far with my 6'6" 3 wt., let alone get a good presentation. After putting all the fish down i decided to wait awhile. After maybe 10 mins they started rising again, so i threw on a griffith's gnat and managed to reach one of the risers and got him to take. It turned out to be a 10 inch brookie! That was the only fish i caught out of the lake, but i saw many more large brook trout cruising around in the depths of the crystal clear pond/lake. Ill be back with my 9' 5 wt. with a 12' leader on an overcast day to try for one of the monsters.

Something interesting i noticed was bb sized black lesions all over the fish i caught in the lake, which i have never seen before. I did some research when i got home and found out its a parasite that is fairly common in stillwater environments. Anybody ever see this?

Pics arent great but here they are:

- 1- upper impoundment(i caught the brookie about 10 out from that tree on the bank)
- 2-lower impoundment
- 3- brookie from the lake
- 4-lower impoundment
- 5-another pic of the brookie
- 6-upper impoundment
- 7-first wild tiger

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