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took a trip out to Valley Creek for the first time yesterday morning - 6.30 to 9.30

Got the white stripe but it's a pretty little stream and i enjoyed it.

Air temp was 72-73F, water temp below the bridge at lower forge and further upstream was 64F both times. started overcast, had a hard shower then fog then bright sun...

water was very low i think (TCO said 20CFS). i fished my bamboo 4wt upstream with hoppers, beetles, floating inchworm and cdc caddis, I picked the deeper murky runs and seams, undercuts with no luck. may be in higher water ???

I did miss two smash takes on the hopper under a downed tree but they were too quick for me and/or i had too much slack out.

i didn't see any rises but i did see #18 black caddis, midges, blue damsels and a number of beetles - one with a bright yellow spot on its back. it was half on the surface half under the film....

after i finished fishing i walked the frog water and I did see a number of pods of fish, two nice brownies around 10" or so and either a chub sucker or a largemouth (it had a definite stripe) holding behind some small trout underneath the high bank.

all of them were lying doggo hard on the bottom, and not feeding as far as i could see, so I figured I'd missed my shot at them by an hour or two and i left them to it and headed home.

btw - i lost my sunglasses from off my ballcap at some stage, i backtracked and didn't find them but did pick up a pair of black cold weather gloves. if anyone lost somea while back...

cheers

Mark.