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The river is up right now due to the recent rains, but I would concur with the kayak or pontoon boat for the catch and release section. A kayak with its lower profile would be stealthier and of course it makes it more challenging to cast. The pontoon boats tend to stay to one side and cast to the other if they know the river well. Going down the middle can work in some sections, but the high profile of the pontoon boat works against you with the older and wiser submariners. That said the average sized wild brown in the Clarion is 18 inches and a great sport on lighter tackle. Most of your better fish will come from river side boulder pockets with cover and brush cover near the banks so a good side cast will come in real handy. Hellgramites, adult crayfish, and adult fall fish are all on the menu so be prepared to cast larger offerings. A typical smallmouth fly rod or big river trout rod will work for the majority of fish in the main stem.