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Re: Time of Year and Trout

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pcray1231 wrote:

In my experiences, browns handle the ultra cold water better than brookies do. Brookie streams often are really difficult in the dead of winter. You can still get a few, usually. I concur limestoners are best, but even in freestoners, the brown trout fishin seems to hold up the best.

It reminds me, a central PA stream that I took you to once, FI, I fished in January two years ago. In the class A brookie stretch (well upstream of where you fished), and where I typically got 90% brookies, I caught none. Not a single brookie, that is. But I did catch 8-10 nice brownies which were very aggressive, which marks my best brown trout day ever on that stream.

The riffles were ice free but the pools were solid iced over. I got most of them by letting the current take a bopper under the ice and into the pools and then working it back and forth. I saw a couple of brookies holding in ice-free places, but they cared nothing about me or my offerings. I even touched one with my hand before it slowly ambled into a root clump. They wouldn't even react.

It's an extreme example, but in winter, I generally focus on brown trout waters. Come about March I'll consider a brookie stream. They aren't good then, but you can reliably get a few, and by then I need a change up as the brown trout waters really limit the options. Really, the brookie fishing doesn't get truly good until late May.

IMO:

Brookies: Best month = July. Worst month = January.

Browns: Best month = May. Worst = July.

Very interesting! I think I remember which stream you're referring to....but you have taken me to several wild trout streams and my memory isn't as sharp as a tack. Anyway, thanks again for taking me. I owe you some time on some creeks around here. 😊

I'll have to pay closer attention to the brooks vs browns in winter thing - may change my view. Most of the small streams I fish here in SC are mainly brookie streams with fewer browns and maybe this explains my success

with brooks in winter(?). Hhmmm...