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The "big trip" was this past Sunday. With raystown dam releasing 1000 cfs we had to abandon plans to fish the Big J in Mt. Union. Ended up on the Frankstown Branch above Alexandria along the Lower Trail. Vis was about 2', so we were basically blind casting in an area none of us had been before. Started off in some deep, slow water but no signs of bass so I tied on a woolly bugger (hadn't planned on fishing much, just teaching) and went to work just trying to find SOMETHING. Well that something turned out to be a healthy 15" wild brown trout up in the faster water. Shortly after, two of the first-timers caught fallfish.

We started focusing on faster water after that and finished with a combined 15 fish, most were 8-12" fallfish. Did not see any more trout. We did pull a few SMB out of one slower area in the middle of a long run. One of those was close to 12". Despite the slow start it ended up being a decent day. I've never been a huge fan of fallfish but they certainly saved the trip for a lot of people this weekend!

Again, thanks for all the help!