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Re: Steelhead 2013-2014 Thread

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I just sent Dave a message to see how it went.

Quote:

pccray1231 wrote:

I made a trip to Erie this weekend (Fri and Saturday). Here's my report.

Fri: Went to Elk in the vicinity of Girard. Was parked before first light and went in by flashlight. Water was fairly high, and brownish green. Maybe a foot of visibility. I didn't think it was gonna be that bad, but it was. I fished there till about 11:30 without having so much as a bite. I didn't see anyone else with a single hookup. I covered some water, and talked to several people along the way, and nobody had a single bite.

This really does surprise me. Usually any white streamer trailed with a pink egg of some sort in these conditions are just one fish after the other. Hmmm

Quote:

pccray1231 wrote:

So, I called it a loss, went through a BK drive thru for lunch then drove to the east side. Tried 16 mile first. Just a zoo. Didn't even park, I have zero desire to fish like that. So I drove over to 12 mile, where there were only a half dozen vehicles or so. Low and gin clear, not many fish in the stream. There were like 8 guys up under the bridge in the plunge pool, so I didn't dare try to fit in that. The bottom pool was open, with fish, but it was quickly apparant why. Awfully skittish, no current, and as soon as a fly hit the water they b-lined directly away from it. There were like 4 guys on the wall a little ways up playing with a handful of visible fish, didn't push in there either.

But in the 50 yard stretch above the wall and below the bridge, there's some pocket water. Nobody was fishing it. Walked through, and at first saw zero fish. But on REAL close inspection I found a few in there. Amazing how a 2 foot football of a trout can dissappear in 2 ft of gin clear water on top of a slate bottom! Anyway, I'd find 1 fish, catch him, then get mobbed by people. lol. "Look guys, there's only 1 fish there,

— and I just caught him." Then I'd walk up 20 yards and find another, and get mobbed again. I ended up landing 3, lost 2, till I was out of water and fish. So I called it a day and went home.

I like that stretch on 12. It fishes well when everything else is blown. We hit a couple there last Sunday in the brown & leaf hatch.

Quote:

pccray1231 wrote:

Saturday: Met FarmerDave farther up on Elk. Again, started walking before daylight. Lots of guys. But lots of water too. Water condition was perfect green, couldn't ask for better. You couldn't see fish, so it was just fishing good looking water. In the morning, we didn't do very well, and neither did anybody else, leading everyone to question how many fish had made it up that far. But it looks like it was just cold, cause by late morning there were fish being caught here and there, and I was no exception. We were covering water, fishing a pocket here and a tailout there. I landed 4 (counting a long line release as I was beaching one, but I had touched it so I'm calling it a catch), lost 2, and missed 2.

Great! Did Dave's neighbor/friend catch a fish?

I didn't leave the couch all day Saturday. I wanted to bring my daughter up, but I knew she would be miserable in the wind and cold.

Next time!