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Re: Spring Creek, Center County 11/22/13

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I was on the stream Friday afternoon (2-6PM) as well and found the conditions to be exactly as Dave described - low, clear, a few risers, and overall spooky fish. I saw a nice amount of redds, many of them still active, with many pairs of fish spotted. I parked by the hatchery bridge, and fished up through the Paradise and I'm pretty sure where I stopped was outside the FFO area, although I'm not 100% sure, as this was my first time on this section of the creek. I ended up taking all three of my fish on a olive conehead wooly bugger, and they also all came from about the same 20-yard section of stream. The first came on an upstream cast and retrieve; the last two came on a downstream swing.

For those unfamiliar with what redds look like, here is a shot of a stream section with multiple redds. They are the light colored areas in the stream bed.



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First fish (Skunk Breaker):



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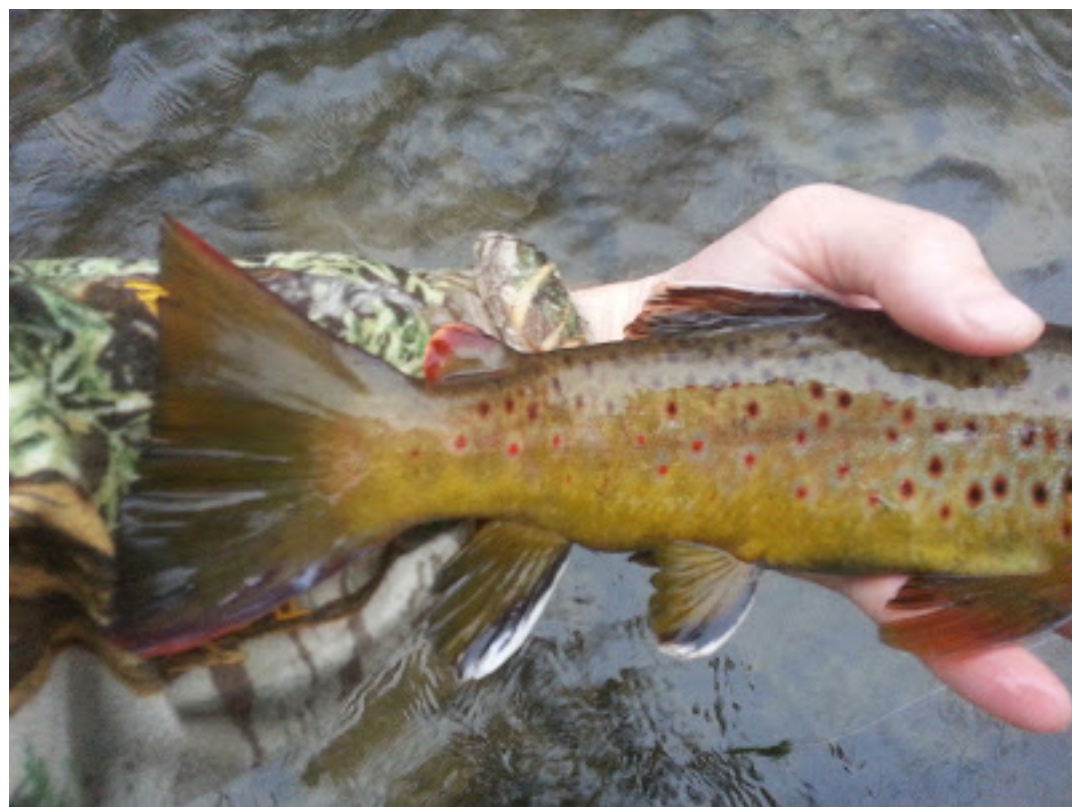
Second fish - I really liked the coloration on this fish:



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Third fish - about 14":



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I did nod hellos to three or four people - I dunno if one of them was you or not, Dave, although I suspect you may have been upstream of me.

I also threw a few mice as it got dark, but only had one half-hearted strike. The fish seemed to think it was much colder than it actually was at night, and were just hunkered down on the bottom, for the most part.

In an allergy-induced fog, I dunked my phone this spring, not more than a week after I bought it. I retrieved it and thought all was lost - the camera lens fogged up immediately, and I couldn't get the phone to shutdown using the touchscreen interface or any buttons. I eventually yanked the battery and left it dry for a day or so. The USB port was flaky for a bit and for a few months after, if I used the phone in damp weather, it would stop writing to the SD card and switch over to the internal flash. However, I'm still using it today and all ill effects of the baptism have disappeared.

Pat - we deployed the Casio Commando to our field force at my previous job. They were good phones from a ruggedized standpoint, but they are running an ancient version of AndroidOS (2.3.3, if I recall correctly), and I felt like the touchscreen responsiveness was a bit off and they had a slower processor in them. I can't get (intentional) underwater shots from my phone, but my camera is my phone anymore. The Samsung Galaxy Active S4 is probably the most current phone that has some degree of protection for the elements built into it, but I have read at least one review by a guy who intentionally dunked it in his pool for testing, and it died an immediate death.