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Subject: : Stream Reports

Topic: : Thompson Run, Centre County, 10-20-13

Re: Thompson Run, Centre County, 10-20-13

Author: : Chaz

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Quote:

sarce wrote:

FWIW, I get the impression these rainbows were fairly well established before I started fishing it. Some of the first rainbows I caught there were pretty big, probably 4-5 years old, and their parents must have been there a few years before that...I'd guess they've been there at least ten years. Obviously I don't know if there were as many in the past, but there must have been some.

I caught a rainbow at Fisherman's Paradise a few weeks ago that looked (and fought) identical to the wild ones in Thompson and Slab Cabin. Have also caught a few small ones at Spring Creek Park. I think they are pretty widespread. I even caught what I think was a wild rainbow in a Centre County freestone stream, but that had a completely different spot pattern from the ones in the spring creek watershed.

Quote:

BrookieChaser wrote:

I assume you guys are accessing this stream behind Hickey's and the Marriott hotel? Between 26 and Slab Cabin.

Yes. Plan on dodging lots of traffic if you want to fish above there and try not to hook cars or a catabus on your backcast, lol.

That tells me they are stocked fish, maybe some reproduce in Spring Creek or the tribs. I think it is different genetics that allows the bows to reproduce successfully. It appears that photos indicate they are stocked, beat up fins. I've caught rainbows in Spring Creek over the last 10 years down as far as Milesburg, and though everyone was stocked, maybe escapees. They just didn't have the color of truly wild fish.