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Thanks for all the advice everyone provided.  Once I got out to the stream, I realized it was pretty easy to survey.

I got out there on Wednesday about 10:30. Drove the creek from just outside town to the spring.  My dad was with me and he loved the fact he didn't have to "bushwack" his way in.  We first went to the newly renovated area and took a look around.  One other angler downstream from us.  Unfortunately we saw no fish in this area so we moved up to the next parking/access area.

Once we got there we walked just over to the small bridge and took a quick look.  First spot I looked at...big old Rainbow sitting in front of a rock like he didn't have a care in the world.  I thought at this point it was gonna be a good day!

So we got all geared up and proceeded to work downstream of the small bridge.  Water was 53* and low and crystal clear.  I snuck into a spot to try my luck with the rainbow I initially saw.  Kinda squatted down behind a grassy bush behind him and tried a dropper/cressbug...nothing!  He moved a bit on one cast but quickly went back to his spot.  Without going into all the details, I tried about everything I could think of and this fish didn't budge!

So I decided to give him a rest and move on.  My dad was further downstream and met up with him.  He said he couldn't believe how many nice fish he saw already and we had only been at it about an hour or so.  I saw at least 15 or more in just about a 50-100 yard section downstream of the bridge.  A few smaller ones but at least 6 12-14" bows and brooks.

Needless to say we never left this short stretch, saw more quality trout than anywhere we have been...and didn't catch a thing.  Got a few to move, but only to quickly veer off at the last second.  I don't like getting skunked, but just enjoying a new stretch of water and trying to refine my skills was a lot of fun.  Plus it was nice to enjoy a warm day in December.

Around 1, another fellow pulled in and went upstream.  He came down to the bridge a few hours later and tried to get the same rainbow I started with.  He had the same results as us upstream and didn't want to go home skunked.  Watched him work the fish for about 20 minutes w no luck.  Big Spring definitely fishes hard...very hard!  Looks like I gotta get my game a little sharper for this place.

All in all, it was a good day.  I hate getting skunked just like the next guy! but I also enjoy the "hunt" as well.  Never a bad day when your fishing...I'll definitely be back.

Tony