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Re: Moving from New Mexico

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chaz wrote: NM is one of the few states I haven't been too

I don't recommend it either. I spent some time in the badlands of nm outside the west texas town of el paso (didn't fall in love with a mexican girl 😞 )

Anyhow it was about a 6 hour drive from where I was to fish the San Juan, so I got to do it a few times. Back to the OP, while the San Juan is world class, you'll be happy to know that you'll find several world class rivers within 4 hours of Pittsburgh.

Close to an hour is the mighty Youghiogheny river. The river in the trout stretches is very remote if you are willing to travel by watercraft or foot. While it doesn't offer tremendous hatches, caddis activity can be heavy and it is amazing streamer water. The lower sections are smallmouth heaven.

Penns creek is about 3 hours from Pitt, is world class and a total bug factory. Here is where you get into those dream match the hatch scenarios with the potential to catch huge trout on huge dry flies. People come from all over the world to fish the eastern green drake hatch that occurs in early may to late june. There is some thing to be said about catching trout on size 8 dry flies...

Personally I'd take Penns over the San Juan river any day.