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I'm doing a part-time gig teaching chemistry at the Linden Hall girls school in Lititz. Kind of fun, actually, and close to Lititz Run, so I made plans to stop there yesterday, Friday March 21. My nephew is my regular fly-fishing companion and teacher, so he joined me--I had bought badges for both of us at the Donegal TU meeting. We both had never fished the lower stretch so we moved fast and covered ground. There were huge numbers of midges hatching and a few mayflies, but the trout weren't feeding very actively.

After multiple runs past a group of trout we could see in one pool with no bites, my nephew moved on and I tried a few casts to see if they preferred my flies. I immediately hooked into a very large brown trout that made several runs up and down the pool, capped with some impressive leaps. My rod was doubled over and I had very little room to play him and several large boulders to deal with. On his second or third leap he tail-danced and tossed the hook. Oh well.

After that I caught one large sucker and my nephew caught one large shiner as we worked up to the waterfall. There were two other people at the waterfall so went pretty far upstream past them and fished on. Shortly after that my nephew had a large brown attack and EAT his indicator. Ever the optimist, he immediately cast to the same spot and hooked what was almost undoubtedly the same fish. No leaping, just lots of pulling. After about 2-3 minutes the trout finally tired out and I netted it for him. Not as long as we thought--only a little over 17"--but a very thick and meaty toad of a trout. I grabbed a few quick shots and we released him back so we can meet again another day.

We fished back downstream and my nephew managed a big rainbow in a pool I had tossed about a dozen casts into. I had moved on so I missed it, but he said he must have run 40 casts through the same pool before it bit--it must have finally just gotten pissed off. Not a bad evening fishing. Too bad the stream smells faintly of sewer water from the plant upstream.

Jeff

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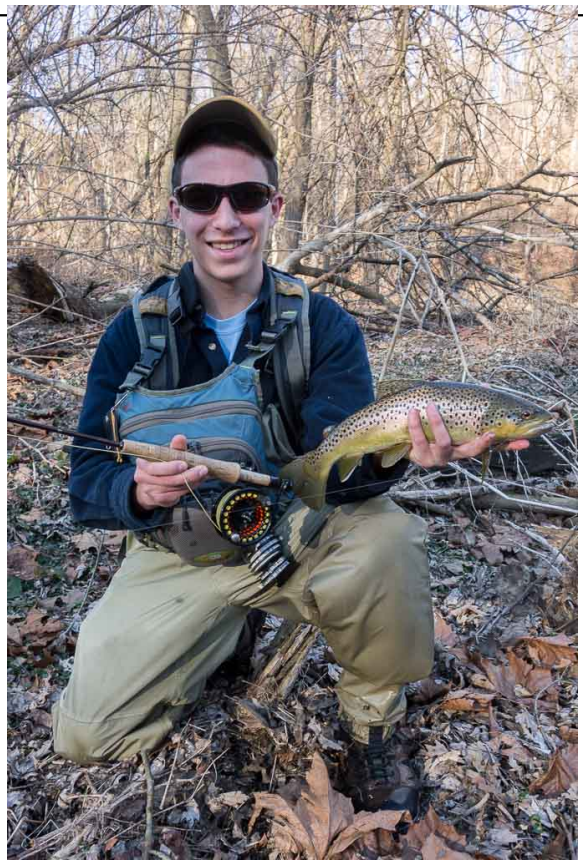
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