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Re: Twenty Inch Smallmouth

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I'm with you Fishidiot, SMs are one of my favorite fish. I look forward to fly-fishing for them every summer. No fish fights harder than a SM for its size. I now fish for them mostly in SE PA because I live there, but SM fishing, at least for the bigger ones, is really on marginal down here. I've been lucky, and have caught a quite a few 20" river SMs, but in the "D" way upstream, and on the north branch of the Susky near where I grew up. As you said, SMs of that size are rare since they must live a long time in the river to grow to that size, and many end up on a stringer before they can reach those dimensions.

I know some good spots to fish on both rivers. Maybe we can give it a try some time. Fredrick and JayL say they are up for a trip this summer. I was thinking of maybe planning a trip to the D in June for trout on the WB or upper main stem, and combine a SM trip downriver. I can't think of anything better than battling big tail-walking wild bows and rod-busting, football sized SMs on the same trip.