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Re: Twenty Inch Smallmouth

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RLeeP wrote:

It's a high mark to shoot for. In all the years I've been chasing smallmouth, I've only got 2 that exceeded 20". One in PA a long time ago and one in WI last year.

One thing I've always found interesting about where I've caught the largest smallies I've taken is that the vast majority of fish between 18 and 20 inches I've caught have been out of approved trout water in PA, a lot of them out of streams no larger than the Allegheny at Coudersport. I think one of the reasons for this is that generally, these places are way underfished for bass.

I agree, My first smallmouth was probably close to fifteen inches. I was fishing a put and take stream for trout. I was swinging a wooley buggler and then stripping it back to me and then bam. I thought I had a huge trout on. Here it was a real nice smallmouth. I remember thinking to myself these fish really put up one hell of a fight!!! 