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Re: Help: Erie Steelhead Fishing

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Quote:

Is early March a good time to head up to Erie?

Yes, as a general rule. But immediate weather conditions are important.

Quote:

What flies work best that time of year?

Egg patterns are the standby, have a variety of colors, even off the wall ones like blue. Switch often till you find something that works. Stoneflies also produce, as do general trout nymphs. If you hit optimal water temps and fresh, unmolested fish, they'll chase a streamer.

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What is your favorite (most productive) stream to fish (Elk, Walnut, 16 mile, etc.)?

I like Elk because there's so many miles of it. But really, you gotta play it by ear. Let the stream conditions do your choosing, they all have different runoff rates.

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Good hotel, close to fishing/food/beer?

defer to others on hotel, I just stay at our camp. Food, hmm, there used to be a good bar east of edinboro, at the junction of 98 and 6N. Avonia Tavern is top notch if you're on rt. 5 on the west side. The city of Erie has plenty too if you're crossing from one side to the other. It's not the middle of nowhere, there's plenty of food and beer options.

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Fly shop to visit?

Foley's is my favorite fly shop. Poor Richards and some others have fly gear as well. All are knowledgeable and helpful.

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Any other advice you have?

Look for falling green water. Be willing to walk and explore. Name of the game is finding fresh fish to yourself. Have a good map (fisherie.com has some) with access points. Ask someone in a fly shop about what areas are posted.

Quote:

I am looking at Temple Fork Professional and Orvis Clearwater II in 9'-10' for 7 weight. How do they sound? Any other suggestions in that price range?

A 10 ft 7 wt is probably the perfect steelhead rod. Can't speak for the exact rods you mention. I have a Sage Fly 9 ft 7 wt, it works fine. Discontinued model, so if you can find them they're on clearance, that's how I got mine. Unlike regular trout fishing, put a little money into the reel. A large arbor with a good drag is a big advantage.