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July 13 Report.

Fishing the Middle right now is pretty darn good. We fished yesterday with a gentleman from Pittsburgh who could throw a line like nobody's business. He caught the trout slam: catching a nice brown, bow, and brook on various nymphs, streamers, and dries. Sadly though, the elusive Youghiogheny yellow trout managed to elude him. We had one just about to take when a greedy little bow snatched the fly from his waiting maw. He also managed to catch his best PA trout ever, end he fishes places like Penns and the J regularly.

On the downside, water temps on the lower section of the float are getting a bit warm. Morning fishing and the first half of the float were great, but afternoon trouting in anything but highly oxygenated water was pretty slow--dead, in fact. At four in the afternoon and one mile above the take take out we took the water temp--a luke warm 69. So our advice is to fish early or late down there, or pull some big streamers for bass as those temps are conducive to the bass bite.

Bugs on the river right now are the usual summer suspects: Iso's, BWOs, Caddis, crane flies, Yellow Drakes (spotty), and midges. Terrestrials are taking fish as well.

Streamers and nymphs continue to take fish with 2 1/2 to 4 inch patterns working best in streamers and nymphs to match daily bugs will get 'em.

So if you'd like to come looking for your personal best PA trout--give us a call or shoot us an email--we'd be glad to go looking with you.

I'd post a pic of the gentleman's nice brown, but I just got a new mac and can't figure out how to adjust the size yet. You'll have to check the website. www.laurelhighlandsguideservices.com

Have fun,

LHGS